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ROLL OF HONOUR.

DAVIES—January 1, 1918, died on active service, DAVID DAVIES (Dai), of 9 Brennan's Parade, Bray (Motor Transport Service). Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, family, and relatives. Swansea papers please copy.

THOMSON—December 23, 1917, killed off the Dutch Coast, Sub-Lieutenant LINDSAY SLADE THOMSON, R.N., aged 20, dearly-loved only son of the late Major Slade Thomson, Gordon Highlanders, and grandson of the late Charles Thomson, 53 Northumberland road, Dublin.

BIRTHS.

CONNOLLY—January 6, 1918, at Annaville, Dundrum, Co. Dublin, the wife of GEORGE CONNOLLY, of a daughter.

GORRY—January 1, 1918, at 54 South Main street, Naas, the wife of JOSEPH GORRY, M.P.S.I., a daughter.

JEFFERS—January 5, 1918, at Drumleck, Castlebellingham, the wife of ALBERT JEFFERS, of a son (stillborn).

MOONEY—January 6, 1918, at a Nursing Home in Dublin, the wife of Captain W. McC. MOONEY, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, of a son.

TYRRELL—December 20, 1917, at Denmark House, Dublin, to Captain M. J. and Mrs. TYRRELL, 5 Oxford road, a son.

WHYTE—January 2, 1918, at Arabeg, Tipperary, the wife of Captain HARMAN WHYTE, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

DALE and McILROY—January 3, 1918, at Castleton Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Rev. H. C. Wilson, assisted by the Rev. A. Black, EDWARD DALE, B.A., Inspector of National Schools, Killarney, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dale, Castledawson, to ESTHER McILROY, M.A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McIlroy, Tullymanullen, Ballymena.

MAIRS and FRASER—January 2, 1918, at Marylebone Presbyterian Church, London, by the Rev. R. C. Gillie, M.A., Captain DAVID MAIRS, Belfast, to ISOBEL A. FRASER, Dublin.

RUSSELL and O'CALLAGHAN—January 5, 1918, at St. Peter's Parish Church, Dublin, by special licence, by the Rev. W. P. Webb, B.D., Lieut. JOSHUA FORBES RUSSELL, R.E., only son of Edward F. Boys Russell, M.D., of Ardagh, Lismore, Co. Waterford, to KATHLEEN ELSIE, only daughter of the late CHARLES B. O'CALLAGHAN, Indian Army.

STRINGER and KELLY—December 26, 1917, at Christ Church, Leeson Park, by the Rev. Percy Phair, Rector of the Parish, Sergeant HERBERT BENAGER STRINGER, Royal Lancers, to SARAH REBECCA (BIRDIE), second daughter of RICHARD KELLY, ex-Sergeant D.M.P., 4 Sussex road, Dublin.

DEATHS.

CARROLL—January 6, 1918, at Clarinda Park, East, Kingstown, LOUISA MARY CARROLL. Funeral private.

COOPER—January 7, 1918, at his residence, Birchgrove, Wexford, JOHN RICHARD, Crown Solicitor, Co. Wexford, aged 65 years. Funeral to Crosstown Cemetery, at 10.45, to-morrow (Wednesday) morning. No flowers.

DARCY—January 6, 1918, ELLEN, wife of PATRICK DARCY, valued friend and servant of the Connellan family for over 30 years.

FARRELL—December 27, 1917, lost at sea (body not recovered), JAMES FARRELL, 32 Bessborough avenue, North Strand. Deeply regretted by his wife children, father and mother, brothers and sisters. R.I.P. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

GERVAIS—January 6, 1918, in Nursing Home, London, of heart failure, FRANCIS PETER GERVAIS, of Cecil Manor, Augher, Tyrone, aged 59.

HACKETT—January 6, 1918, at 3 Ormond terrace, Dalkey, JANE, last surviving child of the late WILLIAM and CATHERINE HACKETT, of Drummond, Co. Tipperary. Funeral (private) to-day (Tuesday), 11 o'clock, to Dean's Grange.

HALPIN—January 7, 1918, at 213 Chord road, Drogheda, SAMUEL, eldest son of the late ROBERT WELLINGTON HALPIN, Wicklow, aged 72 years. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday) to St. Peter's, 12 o'clock.

HAYES—January 7, 1918, at a Private Nursing Home, Dublin, A. E. ORMSTON HAYES, late Co. Inspector R.I.C. and Lieutenant West Cork Artillery, third son of the late Francis Hayes, M.D., Bandon, Co. Cork, aged 81. Funeral private.

KEEGAN—January 5, 1918, SOPHIE, beloved wife of WILLIAM KEEGAN, "Bahana, Enniskerry." "At rest." Interment strictly private. No flowers.

LEAHY—January 6, 1918, at Adelaide Hospital, ANNA MARIA, widow of the late EDMOND LEAHY. Sadly missed by her loving daughters.

LESTRANGE—January 7, 1918, at his residence, Galmoylestown, Mullingar, HENRY, eldest son of the late PATRICK LESTRANGE, aged 60 years. R.I.P. Funeral from Laghtnon Chapel, at 2 o'clock, to-morrow (Wednesday) to the family graveyard at Ralragh.

McCABE—January 5, 1918, at the Monastery of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, Gloucester street, Dublin, SISTER MARY OF ST. ALOYSIUS McCABE, in the 30th year of her religious life. R.I.P. Solemn Office and High Mass for the repose of her soul at 10.30 this (Tuesday) morning. Funeral immediately afterwards to High Park Convent Cemetery.

McDONNELL—January 5, 1918, ISABELLE BLANCHE McDONNELL, widow of the late Alexander McDonnell. Funeral will leave Sidney Lodge, Bray, at 11 a.m. to-day for Enniskerry, 12 noon.

MILLER—January 7, 1918, at her residence, 11 Airfield road, Rathgar, SARAH ANN (ANNIE), youngest daughter of the late ROBERT MILLER, Woodville House, Loughbrickland. Funeral private.

SHERWOOD—January 6, 1918, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Knox, Leitrim place, Wicklow, SARAH, widow of GEORGE SHERWOOD, late of Kilkenny, aged 81. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Funeral (private) to New Cemetery to-day (Tuesday). Australian papers please copy.

SMITH—January 6, 1918, at Kells, Co. Meath, Mr. MICHAEL SMITH (late of 36 Charleville avenue, North Strand, Dublin). R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Tuesday), 8th inst., 1 o'clock, from St. Columbkille Church, Kells, to Moynalty.

TIMMON—January 7, 1918, at her residence, Market square, Navan, Mrs. MARGARET TIMMON. R.I.P. Funeral for Old Cemetery, Athlumney, at 2.30, to-morrow (Wednesday).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. A. and the Misses GREHAN, Mullinastill, Shankill, desire to return sincere thanks to their many kind friends who sent letters and telegrams of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

WRIGHT—In loving memory of EMMA WRIGHT, daughter of the late Robert Stanley, of Mespil, who entered into life eternal on the 8th January, 1917. Inserted by her son, LLOYD B. WRIGHT, in loving recognition of his mother's life-long devoted care and companionship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this Column will be found on Page 4.

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LEFT Donnybrook St. Stephen's Green tram, Thursday afternoon, Leather Double Postcard Case, cabinet size. Reward, Ferrier, Ash Hurst, Killiney.

LOST, Diamond Engagement Ring, between Ailesbury road and Kingstown, Saturday evening, probably on tram. Finder rewarded at Morton's, Nassau st.

LOST, Monday, Fountain Pen, in case. Reward 10 Grosvenor place, Rathmines.

LOST, Gold Bracelet, between St. Michael's Church, Kingstown, and George's st. Reward 1 Carrickbrennan road, Monkstown.

NECK Fur, Black Skunk, lost, 3.10 train to Mullingar, 31st December. Reward, 6 Elgin road, Dublin.

STRAYED and Lost from Wynena, Clonskea, a small Japanese Spaniel, black and white, long hair, female; Suitable reward.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

WANTED, MEN THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED IN STEAM PRESSING AND BAILING HAY AND STRAW, For work in the Forage Department, Army Service Corps. For conditions of employment, rates of pay, etc., apply to O.C. "S" COMPANY, FORAGE DEPT., A.S.C., ROYAL HOSPITAL, KILMAINHAM, DUBLIN.

ABSOLUTE Security Granted to all persons in Positions of Trust by The Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd.; subscribed capital, £1,000,000. T. N. and N. S. Smith, 43 Dame st., Dublin.

APPRENTICE Wanted to Confectionery and Restaurant.—Inglis, 3 Westland row.

SITUATIONS CONTINUED.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, For Forage Department, A.S.C., Ireland, MECHANICS For Repairing Steam Engines and Baling Machines. For full particulars of employment, rates to pay, etc., apply to O.C. "S" COMPANY, FORAGE DEPT., A.S.C., ROYAL HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

WANTED 20 CABINET-MAKERS. Only First-class Men need apply. Top rate of pay to skilled workers. SHANNON CABINET WORKS, BANAGHER.

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL DISEASES, NORTHAMPTON. NURSES WANTED. Applicants must be strong, not less than 5 feet 6 inches in height, and not under 20 years of age. Previous experience not necessary, as they receive a training in mental nursing and can become fully qualified and Certificated Mental Nurses. Salary commencing £20 a year, rising to £44, with board, lodging, washing, and uniform. Apply to the Medical Superintendent.

APPRENTICE—Wanted, smart Boy, good appearance, for select Country Drapery [illegible] Appearance, this office.

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BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, experienced Lady Bookkeeper for Drapery in extreme South. Protestant. Apply, stating age, religion, experience, and salary expected (indoor), "Z 2190, Bookkeeper," this office.

BOOT Department—Wanted, a Salesman of Saleswoman; state age, experience, salary, and copy references. Address "Z 2182, Salesman," this office.

BOILER Cutters—Wanted, several fiets for work in Liverpool. Reply, stating wages and experience, to Maden and McKee, Ltd., 317 Prescot road, Liverpool.

BOOTS and Outfitting—Wanted, experienced Salesman; state age, Protestant; provincial town, south; state age, references, salary (outdoor). Address "Z 2265, Salesman," this office.

BOOKFOLDERS and Apprentices Wanted. Apply Caldwell and Sons, 9 South Frederick st.

BOY required, Photographic Business; small wages commencing; experience unnecessary.—Swiltpsints, Johnston's Court.

BLACKROCK Technical Institute, Co. Dublin.—Manual Instructor Required for about one month, sixteen hours per week. Apply at once to Principal.

BOOTS—Wanted, good Salesman, Protestant; Northern town; good copy references, salary (indoor). Address "Z 2336, Boots," this office.

CHARGE Hand, experienced, for Restaurant; also Confectionery Counter Hand.—17 Henry st.

CLERK—Wanted, Lady with commercial experience; state age, salary, and where previously employed.—M 1111, this office.

DRESSMAKING—A good practical, who can make Blouses and make Costumes; also a Machinist for the Tailoring, who can make Vests and Skirts; state salary, indoor, for Dressmaker, outdoor for Machinist. Address "Z 2181, Dressmaker," this office.

DRESSMAKING—Wanted, for Belfast, Head Skirt Fitter, first class private trade. Apply, giving full particulars, to Box No. 438, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast.

EXPERIENCED Trained Nurse Wanted to care patient after illness; one who would be companionable and agreeable in house; comfortable home; state salary, particulars. Address "Z 2209, Nurse," this office.

GENERAL Drapery—Wanted, a smart young Lady as Saleswoman to General Drapery (Ladies' Department), in pleasant seaside town in Ulster. Apply with references and salary required (indoor), to "Z 2178 Saleswoman," this office.

HOSPITAL Orderly—Wanted, suitable Man for above post; Naval or Police Pensioner preferred; live in; all found. Apply, stating wages required, to Matron, Duke of Connaught's Hospital, Bray.

HOTEL Bookkeeper Wanted for first class city Hotel; thoroughly experienced in tabular system. Apply by letter, with copies of references, stating full particulars, to B., 48 Dawson st., Dublin.

LAUNDRY Manager—Wanted experienced and capable Working Manager to take sole charge Laundry, North of Ireland; wages £3 weekly to suitable person, and prospect of partnership; security required. Applications, in confidence, "Z 2191, Manager," this office.

LINO Operator Wanted, Southern County town; state wages; enclose copies testimonials. Address "Z 2288, Operator," this office.

MEN required for Copper Smelting Works in Lancashire; permanent job for good men; shift work, 74 hours per week; wages; mixers (labourers) 11½d. per hour, furnacemen 1/- per hour; no person already engaged on Government work will be engaged; travelling warrant. Apply nearest Employment Exchange, quoting No. A 406.

MALE Attendant Wanted, previous experience not necessary, wages £50, rising £1 annually to £54, all found except clothing; state age and height. Apply Medical Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Isle of Man.

McBIRNEY and Co., Ltd., require a Furniture Packer, good, steady worker. Apply Aston's quay, Dublin.

MANCHESTER—A really good Junior Salesman Wanted for Manchester Department by first class Northern Firm; state salary (indoor) and experience. Address "Z 2275, Salesman," this office.

MOTHER'S Help required, February, Howth; Protestant; three children; servant kept.—M 1196, this office.

NURSES Wanted for District Asylum, Melrose, Scotland, for three years' training; experience not necessary; salary commences at £18 a year, with bonus, £3 a year, additional on completion of three months' probationary trial, rising to £36 (war bonus higher, with board, lodging, washing and uniform, with right to deduction for pension under Superannuation Act); R.C. church four miles distant. Applications, stating age and height, with photo and particulars of past and present employment, to Matron.

OUTFITTING and Readymades—Thoroughly capable Salesman Wanted by well known provincial firm in Ulster. Apply, with references and salary (indoor) "Z 2274, Salesman," this office.

OFFICE Boy Wanted for Coal Merchant's Office; state age, experience, and where educated.—M 1160, this office.

PAGE Boy required; one with experience preferred. Apply Miss Howell, Newell's, 78 Grafton st.

PROBATIONERS Wanted, Belfast Babies' Home, to train as Children's Nurses; fee 20 guineas, six months' training, references, salary from Home, salary £30, £35. Vacancies January.—Matron.

REQUIRED, two Youths, must know city thoroughly; also two with own cycles; must be early risers.—M 1011, this office.

REPLIES to Advertisements addressed to letter and number at "Irish Times" Office must not contain original papers or testimonials. Copies only should be sent.

REQUIRED as Matron, Professional Nurse, active, middle-aged, with experience of children; sailor preferred; R.C.; references required. Box A 5413, Eason's Advertising Agency, Dublin.

REQUIRED, respectable Youth for Luncheon Counter of city restaurant. Apply M 1102, this office.

STATIONER'S Assistant—Wanted, a young Man, with some knowledge of the business. Apply, stating age, nature of experience, and salary expected, to Purcell and Company, 124 Patrick st., Cork.

SAWYERS Wanted for Home Grown Timber, used rack bench; state wages and experience.—R. Armstrong, Saw Mill, Mountmellick.

SECRETARY Required by Professional Man; must be well educated, accurate, and good typist; state salary, "Z 2394 Secretary," this office.

STATIONER'S Assistant—Wanted, a young Man, with some knowledge of the business. Apply, stating age, nature of experience, and salary expected, to Purcell and Company, 124 Patrick st., Cork.

SMART Boy Wanted; must be good worker and willing; about 15 years; state wages. Apply Miss Howell, Newell's, 78 Grafton st., Dublin.

VAN Driver Wanted; must be early riser; good reference.—91 Harcourt st.

WANTED, first class Jam Boiler, able to make good pulps. Apply to T. E. Davies, Pixley Court, Ledbury.

WANTED Immediately, for Boots, smart Junior Salesman; state salary required (indoor) and religion; good reference. Address "Z 2311, Salesman," this office.

WATCHMAKERS—Wanted, two Assistants for bench work. Apply F. H. Lloyd Longford.

WANTED Immediately, Probationers for Children's Hospital, Dublin; must be well educated; small fee required. Address "Z 2147, Probationer," this office.

WANTED, for Belfast, first class Ladies' Hairdresser; must be good waver and postiche dresser; hours 8.30 till 7; Saturdays, 1 o'clock; wages, 45s per week, with usual commission. Apply M 997, this office.

WANTED, Despatch Clerk and Packer; must be able to take charge of packers; discharged soldier might do.—Oonbridge, Grafton st.

WANTED, for Blouse Department, good Charge Hand and Assistants, accustomed to good class trade; good experience necessary. Apply Manager, W. E. L. Works, Ltd., Wicklow st.

WANTED at once, smart young Lady as Milliner, able to trim and copy models, etc.; send reference, state salary (indoor) and religion. Address "Z 2310, Milliner," this office.

WANTED for country town, South, Lady Assistant for Boots and Readymades; Protestant. Address, sending copies references and stating salary, "Z 2330, Assistant," this office.

WANTED, a competent, trustworthy young Lady as Mother's Help, to help with children, 4 and 2½ years; Protestant; needlewoman; nice house; maid kept. Address "Z 2329, Help," this office.

WANTED, Girl, about 16, with little experience of Office Work; quick at figures.—M 1076, this office.

WANTED Immediately, well educated young Girl, after leaving school, as Apprentice to Bookkeeping, etc. Send copy reference and state religion to "Z 2309, Apprentice," this office.

WANTED, Protestant Girl, 16, train Mother's Help, town in Tipperary, three children; £8. Address "Z 2277, Help," this office.

WATCHMAKER—Competent young Man Wanted; good repairer, very little rough. Send references, wages, "Z 2280, Watchmaker," this office.

WOOLLENS, Readymades, and Boots—Wanted, smart, energetic Salesman, Methodist; state salary (outdoor), with references, age, and height. Address "Z 2264, Salesman," this office.

WANTED Immediately, smart young Man as Charge of Gent's Outfitting Department; send references and state religion and salary expected (indoor). Address "Z 2313, Man," this office.

WHOLESALE Millinery House require a Charge Hand; one accustomed to special travelling with Millinery Samples on South of Ireland journey preferred; good salary to first class man. Apply in first instance by letter, stating full particulars of experience, which will be treated as strictly confidential, "Z 2297, Charge Hand," this office.

WANTED, reliable, intelligent Girl; R.C.; shop experience; references.—M 1181, this office.

WANTED, for Grocery and Provision Business, smart young Girl, with experience. Apply, by letter, T. Byrne, 64 Phibsborough road.

WANTED at once, respectable Boy Apprentice to Drapery Trade; send reference and state religion. Address "Z 2312, Boy," this office.

WANTED, several smart Waitresses, also Page Boy.—M 1225, this office.

WANTED, young Lady Assistant, with knowledge of Hardware. Apply Price's Stores, Moore st.

WANTED, respectable Protestant Youth for Office; must be good writer and smart at figures. Apply, stating experience and salary expected, M 1251, this office.

WANTED, young Girl for Jewellery Sales; one with knowledge of the trade preferred; state salary.—M 1229, this office.

WANTED, experienced Clerk, shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping.—M 1250, this office.

WATCHMAKER—Wanted, a good Workman; state wages.—O'Connor, Jeweller, Clonmel.

WANTED, smart Despatch Clerk; knowledge of railway rates; Grocery trade preferred. Apply, stating experience, wages expected, etc., M 1077, this office.

WANTED, young Lady for Cash Desk, with knowledge of books. Apply 19 Upper Leeson st.

WANTED, Office Assistant, Protestant, with at least a couple of years' experience. Reply to, giving names of references, and stating salary required, M 1106, this office.

WANTED immediately, Theatre Sister, for Private Hospital; salary £72. Apply M 1239, this office.

WANTED, a good Shoeing Smith; must understand Woodwork and hunters, and be well recommended. Smithwick, Ballylinch, Thomastown.

YOUNG Lady Assistant Wanted for large City Warehouse, with knowledge of Hardware. Apply, experience and wages expected, M 1080, this office.

YOUNG Lady, R.C., Wanted, Mother's Help, look after children, assist with house lessons and music, also with management good hotel; moderate salary; nursemaid kept. Address "Z 2326, Help," this office.

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

AGENTS Wanted to Sell Profitable Goods of every kind; Catalogues free.—May, 180 George st., Birmingham.

AGENCIES AND SITUATIONS WANTED.

DRAPERY Representative—Advertiser, who has had twelve years' experience of the Wholesale Drapery, and the past three years as Managing Retail Drapery business in good provincial town, would be open to an Agency or Traveller; Advertiser is well known in the Wholesale Trade, and has good connection in the Retail in Ireland. Address "Z 2219, Traveller," this office.

LEGAL.

GIRL (R.C.) Wanted for Copying Office, accustomed to typing; state age, experience and salary.—M 1231, this office.

JUNIOR Clerk Shorthand Typist, some experience; desires post; excellent testimonials; disengaged now.—M 946, this office.

SOLICITOR, recently qualified, open to engagement as Assistant to Solicitor in country.—M 1217, this office.

SMART Court Clerk Wanted by Dublin Solicitor; agency and general; must be competent, active, sober; state terms, reference. Apply M 1203, this office.

WANTED, for Straits Settlements, thoroughly competent Barrister or Solicitor capable of taking entire charge of Conveyancing side of large practice; commencing salary £425; first class passage paid; preference given to man with capital prepared to purchase share in business after first year.—M 1025, this office.

MEDICAL.

A QUALIFIED Dental Surgeon has vacancy for a Pupil.—M 1063, this office.

ASSISTANT, 22, well experienced in dispensing, veterinary, and counter work, will be shortly disengaged. Address "Z 2259, Assistant," this office.

CHEMIST Assistant required, outdoor. Apply, stating age, experience, salary expected, to Irish Times Office, Cork.

MRS. Blackburn, Medical, Surgical Nurse, Masseuse.—Pembroke House, Sandymount avenue, Ballsbridge.

SENIOR Assistant (unqualified) required for Pharmacy in large provincial town (South), outdoor; state age, salary, experience, and when disengaged. Address "Z 2336, Assistant," this office.

WANTED, Chemist's Dispensing Scales, in use; also medium Mortar and Pestle. Address "Z 2292," this office.

YOUNG Lady, with four years' experience as Secretary and Assistant with a qualified surgeon, also with a good knowledge of mechanical work, able to take charge in owner's absence, is open for immediate engagement; highest reference. Address "Z 2173, Lady," this office.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

ACCOUNTANT, fully qualified, desires position in Chartered Accountant's Office; experience of public audits; small clientele.—M 912, this office.

A YOUNG Man, presently engaged, desires change; Bookkeeper, Manager; highest references; total abstainer; twelve years' experience. Address "Z 2233, Employment," this office.

A WELL educated Lady (20) wishes to learn Office and Business, or Hotel Bar; quick at learning; accurate accountant and typist; highest references. Address "Z 2286, Lady," this office.

A THOROUGHLY reliable Housekeeper, disengaged; good cook and manager; first class references.—M 1188, this office.

A LADY wishes for a post as Housekeeper or Companion Housekeeper; excellent reference. Apply Housekeeper, Irish Times Office, Cork.

AU Pair—Lady would assist in general housekeeping in gentleman's country house; very successful poultry rearer; I.C. Address "Z 2253, Housekeeper," this office.

AMBITIOUS young Man, with a thorough and practical experience of Accountancy and Bookkeeping, is desirous of obtaining better position, with prospects. Address "Z 2347, Accountant," this office.

BOOKKEEPER Lady seeks position; eight years' experience; D.E. system; excellent references. Address "Z 2256, Bookkeeper," this office.

BOOKKEEPER, Office Assistant, capable, reliable, quick, accurate; legal and mercantile experience.—M 1243, this office.

COMPANION Help—Post required by Gentlewoman; good at housekeeping, shopping, needlework; excellent testimonials; Church of Ireland. Address "Z 2250, Help," this office.

DRESSMAKER wants work at own or lady's house; Dresses, Blouses, Renovations.—R O 601, Irish Times Office, Rathmines.

EXPERIENCED Man seeks post Caterer to officers' mess; highest testimonials.—M 1055, this office.

EXPERIENCED Bookkeeper, Shorthand Typist, desires change; highest references. Address "Z 2194, Bookkeeper," this office.

EXPERIENCED Nurse Companion (hospital trained) desires engagement; highly recommended; small salary. Address "Z 2256, Nurse," this office.

EX-HEAD Constable, R.I. Constabulary, just pensioned, available for employment of trust in city.—M 1171, this office.

EXPERIENCED Waitress, disengaged, family or cafe; mutual hotel; highest references.—M 1157, this office.

FARMING Pupil—Well educated Youth desires position, with view to gaining thorough knowledge of farming; fee paid.—M 979, this office.

HARDWARE and Ironmongery—Assistant desires position; 10 years' experience; highest references and testimonials; thorough knowledge of the trade; would accept post as Traveller or Agent. Address "Z 2245, Assistant," this office.

HOTEL Manageress—Lady, thoroughly practical, requires post; would take post of Housekeeper in large hotel; excellent references. Address "Z 2281, Housekeeper," this office.

LADY (I.C.) wishes for post as Useful Companion Help; good Housekeeper, or would take temporary post; Dublin or suburbs preferred. Address "Z 2196, Help," this office.

LADY strongly recommends Companion Housekeeper; certificated Nurse.—W., 10 Clarinda Park, North, Kingstown.

LADY (I.C.), experienced, desires position, Companion Help; would teach; good needlewoman; highest references.—M 1079, this office.

LADY wishes engagement Companion Housekeeper to Invalid Lady. Address "Z 2239, Housekeeper," this office.

MATRON Housekeeper (I.C.) desires post as above in business house or institution; long experience; highest testimonials. Address M 1103, this office.

NURSE Attendant, invalid lady, thoroughly experienced; Protestant.—X, 51 Percy place.

QUALIFIED Nurse, Rotunda, R.C. Attendant invalid lady or gentleman; highly recommended.—M 686, this office.

RESPECTABLE (R.C.) Girl wishes position as Assistant Grocery and Provision Business; knowledge of bookkeeping; help with housework; 4 years' experience; good references. Apply 1335, Irish Times Office, Blackrock.

SUPERIOR young Girl would care Invalid Lady; daily or indoor; highly recommended.—X 20, Irish Times Office, Kingstown.

TO Drapers—A Draper retiring from business would like to hear of a vacancy for a young Lady at present in his employ as Milliner and General Drapery, Millinery or Milliner Assistant. Address "Z 2149," this office.

WAREHOUSE Clerk, 31 years, present position, capable of taking charge, desires change. Address "Z 2307, Clerk," this office.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED CONTINUED.

YOUNG Gentleman, very respectable can be well recommended, seeks position as Clerk or Accountant; would take up good Agency.—M 949, this office.

YOUNG Man seeks situation in Estate Agent's Office; no previous experience; willing to start for small remuneration. Apply M 989, this office.

YOUNG Girl wishes situation as Mother's Help, can sew, or Children's Maid. Address "Z 2232 Help," this office.

YOUNG Man seeks position as Van Driver; presently engaged; highest references; country preferred. Address "Z 2251, Driver," this office.

YOUNG Lady wishes position as Lady Housekeeper; 7 years' experience; fond of children; would accept any position of trust.—M 1314, this office.

YOUNG Man (ineligible) wants any kind of employment; can pack; good references.—M 1253, this office.

YOUNG Lady wishes to hear of vacancy in Office as Clerk or Shorthand Typist.—954, Irish Times Office, Baggot st. Bridge.

MALES WANTED.

BUTLER Valet required, R.C.; ineligible for Army; strict abstainer; able to pack and look after clothes well, and who can cook; best references required; state wages. Address "Z 2315, Butler," this office.

GROOM Coachman required; understand hunters; ride, drive, generally useful; single. Apply, discharged, wages expected, Forbes, Scribblestown, Castleknock.

HERD Wanted for County Dublin; must be good milker; married man preferred.—M 1099, this office.

PLOUGHMAN Wanted for Gentleman's Demesne in Co. Wicklow, Protestant, with family; working son not objected to. Give full particulars to M 1152, this office.

RABBIT Trapper, with or without gear, County Wicklow. Address "Z 2346, Trapper," this office.

TRAPPERS—Wanted, two expert Men for Mullingar. Apply T. J. Lombard, Castletown Manor, Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.

TWO Farm Labourers Wanted, one as Ploughman; milkers preferred.—Kenny, Ballylaffin, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow.

WANTED, near Mullingar, General Farm Hand, married, R.C.; some knowledge of ploughing necessary, and milking; terms: gate lodge, firing, potatoes, milk, £1 weekly. Address "Z 2171, Man," this office.

WANTED, General Farm Hand, capable doing all farm work and accustomed to farm machinery. Send copies discharges, stating age, number family, and wages required, with house, potatoes, firing, and some milk.—E. J. Gailey, Griffinstown, Grange Con.

WANTED at once, a Protestant Boy to mind a pony and trap and drive, also work in small garden. Mrs. Rotheram, The Cottage, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

WANTED, General Man, R.C., for hotel yard and garden, work small electric plant; state wages expected. Address "Z 2327, General," this office.

WANTED, Attendant Butler, for quiet country place, Protestant, T.T. Address "Z 2340, Butler," this office.

WANTED, Woodranger and Rabbit Trapper; must be sober, active man; wages 25/- a week, with furnished house, garden, and field. Address "Z 2357, Woodranger," this office.

WOODMAN, for Estate Work; must be a good feller, and accustomed to handling heavy timber. State wages and send copies of discharges to Estate Office, 3 Athy st., Carlow.

WANTED, General Farm Hand (Protestant) for North of Ireland; good terms. Apply David Neill, Land Steward, Lower Stramore, Gilford, Co. Down.

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

FORESTER—Wanted, competent Man, to undertake a considerable amount of replanting; must have first class references and a successful record; state age, salary expected, etc. Address "Z 2207, Forester," this office.

GARDENER Wanted (Wicklow); good milker; indoor. Enclose copies testimonials, stating wages, Fraser, 15 Fleet st., Dublin.

GARDENER Wanted; married; able to milk, and make himself generally useful. Apply, with copies of discharges, stating wages, Mrs. Wright, Hill of Ward, Athboy, Meath.

STEWARD (Working) or Ploughman Wanted for Co. Galway; well recommended; state terms, copies testimonials, number family. Address "Z 2351, Steward," this office.

WANTED, Co. Dublin, active, singlehanded Gardener; married, small family, good vegetable, flower grower, useful man, for gentleman's place; highest references required; state wages, £1, cottage, coal.—M 1305, this office.

WANTED, thoroughly trustworthy, capable, singlehanded Gardener; Protestant; abstainer; wife might milk and manage poultry. Apply White, Pickdel, Ballyardle, Co. Down.

WANTED, a Working Head Gardener who thoroughly understands his business. Apply, stating terms, age and religion, and sending copies discharges, to Mrs. French, Cuskinny, Queenstown.

WANTED, Plain Gardener, with Son as Under Gardener, and understand horses, yard work; house given. Reply, stating wages, Heraldge, Tullaria, Ballinasloe.

WANTED, good Working Gardener and Wife; no incumbrance. Reply, sending copies discharges, M 1167, this office.

MALES DISENGAGED.

ACTIVE, trustworthy Man, R.C., from country, seeks situation in or near large town; plough, milk, drive, handy. Address "Z 2105, Man," this office.

BUTLER, Protestant, man highly recommended, or would accept any position of trust; single-handed; Address Box No. 412, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast.

BUTLER (R.C.), married, disengaged February 4th; thoroughly recommended. Address "Z 2368, Butler," this office.

COUPLE (Protestant) would care well, for moderate wage, shooting or shooting lodge, Butler and Cook. Address Box No. 439, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast.

DISCHARGED N.C.O. seeks situation, Gamekeeper or similar position; life experience; married, Protestant; good discharges. Address "Z 2348, Gamekeeper," this office.

EX N.C.O. wants situation Caretaker or Handy Man; can do all repairs about gentleman's place; married, with family, first to help; can be well recommended. Address "Z 2139, Caretaker," this office.

FIRST Class Herd, over military age, in the County Carlow requires employment; twelve years with one master, six years with another, and seven with another; will want house, milk of one cow, fuel; highest references; state wages. Address "Z 2267, Herd," this office.

GROOM Coachman, ride, drive double and single; life abstainer; highly recommended; state terms; Inoor.—Kearns, Lowtown, Sallins.

HOTEL—Young Man wishes situation as Night Porter; thoroughly experienced; can be highly recommended; strict T.T.—M 913, this office.

HERD seeks situation; butcher, castrate, dishorn.—Patrick Quinn, Portmanna, Clonee, Co. Meath.

HERD, R.C., life experience; married, no family.—Herd, 7 Gerald Griffin st., Limerick.

RESPECTABLE Protestant Man, understands horses, motor, all general work, milk; ex-Soldier, age 38, T.T.; small family; any position of trust. Address "Z 2322, Man," this office.

WANTED, situation, Yard or General Man, in gentleman's establishment; single; Protestant; thoroughly understands care of horses; most obliging; handy, carpentry.—M 1158, this office.

YARDMAN seeks situation; no incumbrance; married; both good milkers.—Yardman, Printing House, Trim.

YARDMAN, single; good milker; recommended; please state terms.—M 1095, this office.

YARD or General Man, can plough, drive if required; wife dairy, Plain Cook; middle aged, no family, R.C.; highly recommended.—M 1228, this office.

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

GARDENER experienced, working, single; highly recommended.—Barron, Dalyealane, Ballynoe, Conna, Co. Cork.

LAND Steward seeks situation; thorough knowledge of all farm work, management, buying and selling of stock; Protestant; 33; married; 7½ years with present employer; will leave when suited. Address "Z 2145, Steward," this office.

LAND Steward, sober, reliable Man, Protestant, thorough practical experience stock, tillage, machinery, buying and selling, accounts; leaving own request; highly recommended.—Hartt, Farragh, Longford.

LAND Steward—Energetic Man open for engagement; practical knowledge of stock and tillage; will be highly recommended. Address "Z 2252, Steward," this office.

PLAIN Gardener and General Man, young, wishes situation (indoor); good papers.—M 1230, this office.

TRUSTWORTHY, reliable, educated Man, life experience farming, all stock, horse expert, requires engagement; excellent references.—M 1179, this office.

DOMESTICS WANTED.

MATRON, "Irish Times," has Vacancies for all classes of Servants at good wages; also for young Girls wishing to be trained. Registry Office free to Servants on insertion of Advertisements. No fee. Apply immediately to the REGISTRY OFFICE, 31 WESTMORELAND STREET.

AT Home and England—Miss M'Caul, 10 Duke st., has vacancies for all classes of superior experienced Domestics.

A YOUNG, clean Girl Wanted for 3 in family, Rathgar.—M 1224, this office.

ALL well recommended Servants suited at once at Miss Mulpetre's Registry, 11 South Anne st.

CAN a Lady recommend a Useful Maid; Protestant; must be good needlewoman, competent to care ladies' clothes, and attend on lady; Co. Dublin. Address "Z 2179, Maid," this office.

EXPERIENCED and well recommended Servants of all classes should communicate with the Matron, "Irish Times" Registry Office, Westmoreland st., who has always vacancies on her books.

HERMION, 290 Great Western road, Glasgow, requires Cooks, Generals, Housetables. Write, with references.

MISS Keenan, Upper George's st., Kingstown, requires all classes well recommended Servants.

RESPECTABLE Girl Wanted daily, 9 to 5 o'clock; clean, good washer and ironer; trustworthy and tidy; well recommended; £12. Apply, evening, 47 Frankfort avenue, Rathgar.

WANTED, Daily Worker for North side; must be a young girl, well recommended.—M 1225, this office.

WANTED, for public school, Dublin, a respectable Protestant Holland, age 25 to 35; no washing or scrubbing; soldier's widow who has been in service might suit. Reply, with copies of papers, M 1235, this office.

WANTED, strong tidy, clean Office and housework; wages 5/-, weekly (outdoor).—M 1227, this office.

YOUNG Girls desiring to be trained as Servants should communicate with the Matron, "Irish Times" Registry Office, Westmoreland st., Dublin. Every assistance and advice will be gladly given.

YOUNG Woman Wanted, daily work; well recommended.—R O 598, Irish Times Office, Rathmines.

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

COOK General Wanted, Ballsbridge district; no children; must have good recommendations. Reply, enclosing copies references, M 1002, this office.

COOK General Wanted near Dublin, young, active; good references essential. Address "Z 2334, Cook General," this office.

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LIGHTING UP TIME .... 5.25 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Theatre Royal—"Finn Varra Maa," 2.30; Hippodrome, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella," 7.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Little Jack Horner," 6.45 and 9.
Empire Theatre—"Little Boy Blue," 6.40 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—7 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"Spring" and "Crusaders," 8.15.
Bohemian Picture Theatre—3 to 10.30 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—3 to 11 p.m.
Carlton Cinema—Continuous.
Kingstown Pavilion—Pictures.
Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings by Gerald Leslie Brockhurst—8 Merrion Row, 10.30-1, 2-5.30.
Irish Convention—Resumption of Sittings, 11 a.m.
Widening Earl Street—Arbitration, 11 a.m.
United Irish League—Meeting of North Dublin Executive, 3 p.m.
Syria and Palestine Relief Fund—Lecture in Theatre of R.D.S., 4 p.m.; and second Lecture in Gregg Hall, 8 p.m.
Lecture on War Victims in Russia and France—Friends' Meeting House, 7.30 p.m.
Zion Church Parochial Hall—Mr. Fred. Dawson's Lecture, 8 p.m.

The Irish Times.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1918.

Ireland and Aircraft.

The paucity of Irish industries outside North-East Ulster is an old complaint. To-day a new industry is on the horizon of Southern Ireland which carries substantial promise of large employment. The establishment of Ireland as a centre for the construction and use of aircraft will be one of the romances of the war. The Government has decided to apply Irish brains and skill to the manufacture of the wonderful weapon which, unknown twenty years ago, may settle the destinies of Europe within the next few months. The aeroplane has become a familiar object in the skies above Dublin; the questing sea-plane has ceased to be a wonder to the dwellers on our coasts. Soon the whirr of propellers in the air will excite as little attention as the noise of a passing taxi-cab. Aerodromes are being built in several places in Ireland, and, if the work is not delayed by foolish strikes, many gallant young men will soon be in training there. We announced yesterday that the Government has made up its mind to endow Ireland with an aircraft factory, and that the site will be in, or near, Dublin. Between them, the aerodromes and the factory will give much employment, and will involve the expenditure of large sums in this country. Henceforward hundreds of our artisans who, since the war began, have sought work in England—bricklayers, carpenters, and others—will find similar work at home at good rates of pay. The factory will be a still greater boon, for it will employ brains as well as hands. Our Universities and technical schools have been training clever engineers for export. Now we shall have in Ireland a new and fascinating outlet for their science and energy. This branch of engineering has appealed always to Irishmen—witness the scores of Irish names that are prominent in the history of the motor car; and the motor car is the mother of the aeroplane. In one sense the new Irish industry is an accident of fortune; but we believe that it is an inspired accident. Ireland may soon be as famous for her aeroplanes as for her big ships.

This is no casual industry, begotten of the war and fated to be "scrapped" with the return of peace. It was begotten of the war, indeed, but it will be a world-industry when war has ceased out of the earth. In less than ten years from now the mails will come from London to Dublin by aeroplane; Belfast men will fly to Dublin in the morning and go home for lunch; the flight from England to America will have been made a hundred times. Let him who thinks this prediction rash remember that quite recently a Handley-Page aeroplane, with a crew of five, flew from England to Constantinople, bombed the Goeben, and returned without a single break-down. The twentieth century will be known in history as the century of the awakening of Russia (and, perhaps, of China), and of the full conquest of the air. It seems that Providence has ordained that Ireland shall play a notable part in this conquest; 1918, the year of the first air-factory and first aerodrome in Ireland, may become one of the two or three great landmarks in our country's annals. Flying and the construction of air-craft will make immense developmnets in the half-dozen years after the declaration of peace. Thousands of skilled flying-men will be released from the front. The whole machinery of war-time construction will be diverted immediately to the provision of air-craft for the purposes of commerce, industry, sport, and travel. Ireland's geographical position—the first landing-place between the Old World and the New—and, we believe, her temperament make her apt for fame and fortune in this latest and most wonderful chapter of the world's romance. The temperament has produced some of the best fliers on the western front. The geographical position means that in the near future Ireland will be studded with aerodromes. We have that sort of inventive genius which is stimulated to its highest achievement by problems that appeal to the imagination as well as to the brain. We are convinced, therefore, that Ireland will be a pioneer country in the industry of flight. We believe the prospect to be so certain and so near as to require that our engineering schools shall take immediate and enthusiastic account of it.

Another, and a very substantial, bond links the future of Ireland to the future of the aeroplane. The hard test of war has proved that the best linen for aeroplanes is manufactured in Ulster. It is an open secret that Belfast is now supplying the air services of several of the Allies with linen and that the demand threatens to outrun the supply. The development of industrial flight will guarantee the future of the Ulster linen trade even if—after a universal conscription of capital—the world should decide to dispense with tablecloths. We find the Government's tribute to Irish linen in its present anxiety about the Irish flax crop. Before the war one-half of Ulster's supply of flax came from Russia, and one-quarter from Belgium; the other quarter was grown in Ireland. Bolshevik and Bosch have cut off the Russian and Belgian imports; and, if our Armies are to hold the western front, we must grow more flax in Ireland. In the spring of last year we planted 107,000 statute acres. In the coming spring we must plant at least 300,000 acres—and the existing supply of seed will suffice for only 65,000 of them. The Government has decided to give a great impetus to production by extending the growth of flax to the Midlands and South of Ireland, and by making it a paying crop for the farmer. It is stated that a bonus of £5 *per* acre will be offered. This, at last season's average price of flax—30s. *per* stone—should make flax-growing a profitable business. Before the war flax was sold at 7s. 6d *per* stone. The seed question will be a difficulty, but we learn that the Government proposes to make an experiment with Canadian seed. Patriotism *plus* pocket should commend the venture to enterprising farmers, who will get, no doubt, all necessary help and instruction from the Department of Agriculture. In summary, therefore, the coming of the aircraft industry promises work for many, fame and wealth for some, increased prosperity for farmers and the linen trade, and for Ireland as a nation a new and wonderful place in the forefront of a new and wonderful world.

The Troubles in Spain.

The official announcement from Madrid that a military rising has been planned, but defeated in advance by the Government, recalls attention to the troubled condition of Spain. The economic situation in Spain is steadily going from bad to worse. Both food and fuel are scarce and extraordinarily dear, and these conditions are aggravated by the restriction of transport facilities. Last August economic and political discontent came to a head in the revolutionary general strike. The insurrectionary movement failed, thiefly because it was not supported by the Army. Its influence, however, combined with that of the Parliamentary reform movement, did succeed in bringing into office a Coalition Government pledged to reform. For fifty years past the two orthodox Monarchist parties in Spain, Conservative and Liberal, have regularly "made" the Parliamentary elections in turn and divided the spoils of office under the "rotativist" system. The new Government was under pledge to break with this vicious system by dissolving the Cortes, and having, for the first time, a new election free from official dictation. The new Parliament thus elected was to have the powers of a Constitutional Assembly, and was to undertake a liberal reform of the Constitution. At this point, however, another influence intruded itself. The military officers throughout the country formed "defence" committees, and organised a formidable movement to which the Government, after some show of resistance, soon capitulated. The Spanish officers' corps, largely modelled on the German system and largely under German influence, is in the main anti-Ally. Foreign affairs, however, do not appear to weigh much in Spanish politics, except in so far as they reflect tendencies in domestic affairs. The officers' corps desires a revision of the Constitution, but in the opposite direction to that of the Parliamentary reformers and the revolutionaries. It has acquired a dominating position in the Government by securing the appointment to the Ministry of War of its nominee, Señor La Cierva, who was notorious some years ago in connection with the shooting of Señor Ferrer. Señor La Cierva is a confirmed reactionary, who, on the one hand, vetoed an amnesty to persons condemned for their complicity in the August insurrection, and, on the other hand, has forbidden Press criticism of the officers' committees. The power of the officers' corps obviously depends on the measure of its control of the Army. The interesting feature of the new military movement which is alleged to have contemplated a rising is that it concerns the noncommissioned officers, who, following the successful example of their superiors, have also formed committees throughout the country. They, too, have genuine professional grievances; but their movement is not likely to end with the denial of remedy for these grievances. The development of discontent in the non-commissioned ranks promises, on the one hand, to weaken the power of the officers. It indicates, on the other hand, that the condition of military abstention which frustrated the insurrectionary movement in August can no longer be regarded as absolute.

Exchange of Prisoners.

"Prisoners' Movements" may soon be a standing headline in the newspapers of the United Kingdom and Germany, for a regular system of exchange has now been instituted between the two Powers. Three shiploads of British prisoners have just landed at Boston, in Lincolnshire—the last place of which we should have thought in the days before the war. At first the tiny fishing port of Southwold, in Suffolk, was mentioned—a place whose history dates from the landing of the Danes; and when Southwold was rejected Boston was the inspiration. No great port was acceptable to Germany. Now more than 600 of our own men have been landed—370 civilians and about 250 soldiers. It was wisely decided that there should be no "scenes" on their arrival. Friends and relatives were debarred from going to Boston or down the river to the "Deeps," whence the passengers completed the journey on tugs. This first demonstration of the old-time custom of "exchange" was only arranged after many difficulties, raised by German susceptibilities and suspicions. We can imagine the feelings of our long-exiled men during the period of delay. It is distressing to hear of so many cot cases, but comforting to know that they will now be objects of tender care. Hundreds of German prisoners are waiting in Lincolnshire internment camps to take the places of the returned Britons on the three vessels of mercy. Another large batch of British prisoners has arrived at Scheveningen to enjoy the hospitality of Holland. Although interned, they have pleasant surroundings and comparatively liberal subsistence. The colony promises to be a large one. The Dutch are most amiably disposed, and their benevolence deserves our hearty thanks. The arrival at Scheveningen was marked by every circumstance of good-will.

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RED CROSS CONCERT IN COUNTY MONAGHAN.

A concert in aid of the "Red Cross" was held in Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan, on Friday last. Over 500 people were present, special trains being run from Armagh, etc., for the event. The following artistes performed with much success:—Miss Jean Nolan, Miss Stanford Campbell, Miss Johnstone, Mr. McGarvey, and the "Apollo Glee Singers" (Messrs. Maltby, Gill, Webb, and Vine Sanderson). Mrs. Reid was, as ever, a most efficient accompanist, and the band of the R.I. Fusiliers played charmingly during the evening. The excellent programme and arrangements reflected great credit on the organisers, whose efforts have raised a good sum of money for this most deserving cause.

COURT CIRCULAR.

VICEREGAL LODGE.

MONDAY.

Her Excellency the Lady Wimborne, attended by Major Hood (Comptroller of the Household), visited the Castle Hospital this afternoon. Her Excellency was received and shown over the hospital by the following members of the Committee:—Sir John Lynch, Sir Joseph McGrath, Sir William Fry, Mr. W. M. Murphy, Sir William Thompson, M.D.; Mr. Conway Dwyer, Miss Mulvany, LL.D.; Major Carew, R.A.M.C.; and Miss McArdle. Sir John and Lady Leslie have left the Lodge. The Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven and Mount Earl, K.P., has arrived at the Lodge.

COMPANIONS OF HONOUR.

The King has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Companions of Honour—Sir John Furley, aged 80, one of the original members of the Red Cross Society, in 1870 was British Commissioner of the Red Cross in South Africa. During the war, and since 1914, he has laboured incessantly on behalf of the Red Cross Society. James Seddon, Esq., Chairman of the British Trades Union Congress, 1914; past President Shop Assistants' Union, and St. Helen's Labour Council; Labour M.P. for Newton Division of South-West Lancashire, 1906-10. James Parker, Esq., M.P. for Halifax, has rendered valuable services, and addressed hundreds of meetings in connection with the Parliamentary War Savings Committee.

ORDER OF THE BATH.

Surgeon-General F. J. Jencken, M.B., T.C.D., Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, son of the late Dr. F. E. Jencken, M.D., F.R.C.P. (London), of Kingstown, Co. Dublin, has been created a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

DUBLIN CASTLE RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

VISIT OF LADY WIMBORNE.

Yesterday afternoon Lady Wimborne, accompanied by Major E. Hood, A.D.C., paid a visit to the Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital. Her Excellency was received by Sir John Lynch, Deputy Chairman of the hospital; Miss Mulvany, LL.D.; Mr. William Martin Murphy, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee; Sir William Fry, D.L., J.P.; Sir Joseph McGrath, LL.D.; Sir William Thompson, Honorary Secretary; and Lieutenant-Colonel Conway Dwyer, R.A.M.C.; the Officer in Charge, Major W. K. Carew, R.A.M.C.; the Matron, Miss McArdle; and Mr. W. Vaughan, Secretary.

There are 214 wounded men, including 43 officers, in the hospital at present, and Her Excellency went from ward to ward sympathising with the sufferers, and she expressed great pleasure at the appearance and condition of the hospital, and the arrangements which were made for the comfort and well-being of the patients.

Her Excellency very kindly presented a box of cigars to the wounded officers, and gave to each soldier a box of cigarettes, she having brought a supply for the purpose. The patients were very gratified by Her Excellency's condescension, and showed their appreciation of her thoughtfulness and kindness.

A meeting of the Committee of Management was held yesterday afternoon at the hospital, when there were present:—Sir John Lynch, Vice-Chairman, in the chair; Miss Mulvany, LL.D.; Miss Murphy, Mrs. Cosgrave, Mrs. Fegan Redmond, Miss Thompson, Mrs. M. F. Cox, Mr. William Martin Murphy, J.P., Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee; Sir Joseph McGrath, LL.D.; Sir William Fry, D.L., J.P.; Mr. J. E. Fottrell, Lieutenant-Colonel F. Conway Dwyer, R.A.M.C.; Mr. William Geoghegan, Dr. Alfred E. Boyd, and Sir William Thompson, M.D., Honorary Secretary. The Officer in Charge, Major W. K. Carew, and Mr. W. Vaughan, Secretary, were also present. An apology was noted from Mrs. Owen Lewis.

The Acting Chairman of the City of Dublin Branch of the British Red Cross Society reported to the Committee of Management that the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair had resigned her position as President of the branch, and that Lady Wimborne had been appointed President in succession. On the motion of the Vice-Chairman, Sir John Lynch, seconded by Mr. William Martin Murphy, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, it was unanimously resolved—"That Her Excellency be, and she is hereby, appointed Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital."

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

The collection of Irish antiquities in the National Museum has just been enriched with a most interesting short sword or rapier which was found in Upper Lough Erne. This sword, which belongs to the advanced Bronze Age, is a remarkable example of fine casting in bronze, and is now exhibited in the Long Room containing the Irish bronze objects. It was presented to the National Museum by Mr. Thomas Plunkett, M.R.I.A., in memory of his friendship for the late Keeper of Irish Antiquities, Mr. George Coffey, M.R.I.A.

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

60 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
MONDAY NIGHT.

The chorus of praise for the Prime Minister's plain statement on our war aims continues to-day, and the speech has certainly done a great deal to clear the air and hearten up the people. Not until now have our war aims been couched in language understandable by the most simple-minded, and the fact is all to the good. It was a happy stroke that the speech should have been delivered on a Saturday, for this meant that every Sunday newspaper had it in full. Thus it went into hundreds of thousands of homes that rarely see a daily newspaper, and could be digested at leisure by the reader.

"Beware when all men speak well of you," is a motto which the Prime Minister has probably not forgotten. Approval of his speech comes from the most diverse sources. Even to take two extremes, the *Morning Post* and Mr. Philip Snowden can find hardly anything to cavil at, while from the Allies, the Dominions, and the United States the comments both of public men and leading newspapers are almost unbrokenly favourable.

Only in one quarter—and that is, perhaps, the best tribute of all—does the speech meet with hostility. That, needless to say, is the semi-official Press of Germany, which pretends to find in it only a fresh proof of Germany's strength and Britain's weakness. But that will deceive nobody, not even the great mass of its own readers, who will find when they get the full text of the speech, as they will do through Switzerland, that the British Prime Minister has laid down the war aims of the Allies clearly, firmly, and moderately, and will begin to wonder why their own rulers cannot, or will not, do the same.

Signs are not lacking at the moment that "war aims" are giving the ruling powers there many an anxious hour. Hindenburg and Ludendorff are being violently attacked for their annexation ideas, and it has been found necessary to deny that Ludendorff has threatened to resign his high position. From Zurich comes the story that Ludendorff sent his Government an *ultimatum* on the subject of the peace conditions. After long deliberation, and on the intervention of the Kaiser, Ludendorff, who had sent in his resignation, withdrew it, having completely had his way. There may be some truth in the story, for, if Ludendorff went, Hindenburg would soon follow, since Ludendorff is the brains of the alliance.

The *Evening Standard* quotes a well-known neutral diplomatist as saying that "there is probably as great a cleavage now between Berlin and Vienna as between Berlin and Petrograd, and, if the Pan-Germans force the German Government to accept their demands, as seems likely, that cleavage will soon become a dangerous gulf. Moreover, the Turks, despite pressure from Berlin, are as strongly opposed to annexations as Vienna, for, if the principle is once admitted, Turkey stands to suffer most. While, therefore, the speech of Mr. Lloyd George has cleared away many doubts and increased the unity of aim of the Allies, the relations of the Central Powers and their allies are likely to become more and more difficult as time goes on."

Finland may be congratulated upon being the one country whose *status* has been improved as the result of the war. Its independence has now been recognised by both Russia and Sweden, which for centuries contended for its possession; by France, whose lead will, doubtless, be followed by the other Allies; and, most remarkable of all, by Germany, which was supposed, not without reason, to have cast greedy eyes upon some of the Finnish harbours.

The happiest time in the history of Finland up to the present was probably a period after 1809, when it was a Grand Duchy under the personal rule of the Russian Emperor, who, in this case, however, was not an autocrat, but a constitutional monarch. It was one of the gravest errors of Nicholas II. that in 1899, under the influence of bad advisers, he revoked the Finnish Constitution, and so transformed one of the most peaceful populations of his vast realm into one of the most turbulent. This wanton act will, perhaps, be cited by future historians as the beginning of the end of the Russian autocracy.

It appears that Lord Reading is not to be definitely appointed British Ambassador to Washington, but will be designated British High Commissioner with plenipotentiary powers, and in that capacity will control not only the work of the Embassy, but also that of the Special War Mission to the United States, which was formerly directed by Mr. Balfour, and afterwards by Lord Northcliffe. In that case I suppose Lord Reading will remain Lord Chief Justice, and will return to the Bench when the war is over.

Last week's submarine return was a little discouraging, but people need not lose their heads over what has happened. A naval officer explains that the short gloomy days and long nights favour the enemy. The Germans used to prefer long days and short nights in order that they might have plenty of light for the fell work, but now they fear the new systems at work to catch them, and only in the dark can they work with any degree of safety. With the coming of longer days the prospect before the submarine grows less hopeful, and some of the experts believe that during the coming spring and summer the submarine will be swept from the seas.

From Paris to-day comes news that bears out this idea, for the French Ministry of Marine announces some most interesting figures. For the three months October, November, and December the enemy lost nine times as many submarines as they lost in three corresponding months of the preceding year. This means that, if the Germans lost ten submarines in the last three months of 1916, they lost ninety in the last three months of last year. This would be at the rate of one a day, and Germany could scarcely turn out a new submarine every day in the week.

The overhauling of places where young men have found employment instead of going into the Army is now taking place with some severity. At one factory in North-East London about four hundred of the younger male workers have received a notice ending their employment. Most of them are unmarried and in lower grades for military purposes. Their places will be taken mostly by women. It is probable that similar action will be taken in many other controlled establishments. The Ministry of Munitions is to be overhauled for any men fit for any form of military service. It is known that many of the men employed in the Ministry are outside the military categories, and therefore unaffected by the demand for the Army. Every case, however, is to be inquired into by the special departmental committee appointed, on which the Ministry of National Service will be represented. Few A and B men will be retained on the staff unless they possess exceptional qualifications for their work.

RECEIVING AND DISTRIBUTING DEPOT.

We understand that a contract has been entered into for the erection in Dublin of a receiving and distributing goods depot. The contract, it appears, was made with a well known building firm (Messrs. Collen Bros., of Portadown and Dublin) on behalf of the Admiralty through the Board of Works. Already workmen are employed clearing the site (which is on the South side of the city, and close to the Liffey), and preparing the way for the builders. The building is to cost in round numbers about £12,000.

SNOWSTORM IN SCOTLAND.

A snowstorm of some severity set in unexpectedly yesterday afternoon in the south-east of Scotland, and late in the evening still continued unabated, accompanied by violent north-westerly winds.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA HONOURED.

IRISH NAMES IN THE LIST.

In the list of appointments to the new British Empire Order published to-day it will be noted that the King has conferred upon Queen Alexandra the title and dignity of a Dame Grand Cross.

Among those who have been appointed Knights Grand Cross is Sir David Harrel, K.C.B.; while Lady Northcliffe has received the honour of Dame Grand Cross.

Among the fourteen Dames Commanders the only Irish name is that of Lady Arnott, Vice-President of the Dublin Branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

The King, in his capacity as Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, has been pleased to supplement the recently issued list of New Year Honours by ordering promotions in, and appointments to, the Order of the British Empire. The Order was constituted a few months back for the special purpose of recognising war service in a variety of directions, and there are a number of classes approximating to those of the Bath and other Orders. A special feature of the new creation is that ladies are admitted, though they do not, of course, take the same prefix titles which would attach to gentlemen in the corresponding classes. There are Knights Grand Cross, Dames Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, Dames Commanders, Officers and Members, and the list of these now approved by His Majesty covers nearly forty-five closely printed pages of a supplement to the *London Gazette*. Knights and Dames Grand Cross form Class I. of the Order, Knights and Dames Commanders constitute Class II., Commanders are in the third class, Officers form the fourth class, and the fifth class deals with Members.

HONOUR FOR QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

It will be remembered that the Queen, who has set a fine example to the womanhood of the nation in various branches of war work open to them, headed the first list of appointments to the newly-constituted Order in the capacity of a Dame Grand Cross. Now His Majesty adds to that exclusive and strictly limited list the name of the Queen Mother, who, as is known, has been equally solicitous and untiring with the Queen in promoting the welfare of the King's fighting forces, and in stimulating and encouraging war work among women. The official announcement as to Her Majesty takes the following form:—

"The King has been pleased to command, as Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, that the title and dignity of a Dame Grand Cross of that Order be conferred upon Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra."

KNIGHTS AND DAMES GRAND CROSS.

There are eight Knights Grand Cross and five Dames Grand Cross in addition to Queen Alexandra.

The Knights Grand Cross are:—

Sir Thomas Dunlop, Bart., Lord Provost of Glasgow.

Mr. William Henry Ellis, Master Cutler of Sheffield.

Sir Richard Charles Garton, Founder of the Garton Foundation for Promoting the Study of International Policy and Economics, and Honorary Treasurer of the Trust Fund Committee of Queen Mary's Hostel.

The Right Hon. Sir David Harrel, K.C.B., Chairman of the Committee on Production.

Sir Robert Arundell Hudson, Treasurer and Financial Director of the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Colonel Sir Arthur Hamilton Lee, K.C.B., M.P., who, in his capacity as Director-General of Food Production, has rendered valuable services in organising and increasing the output of home-grown food.

Sir William Plender, who, in addition to his work in connection with the winding-up of foreign banks and other financial institutions in this country, has done an enormous amount of financial work for many Government departments.

General Sir Francis Reginald Wingate, G.C.B., His Majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt.

The Dames Grand Cross, in addition to Queen Alexandra, are:—

Margaret, Baroness Ampthill, C.I., President of the Bedfordshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society, a member of the Council of the British Red Cross Society, and head of the V.A.D. department, Devonshire House. Lady Ampthill is a Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty the Queen.

Mrs. Edith Isabel Benyon, President of the Berkshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society, and Commandant of Englefield House Hospital, near Reading.

Aimee Evelyn, Lady Dawson, Joint Honorary Secretary of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. Lady Dawson is the wife of Col. Sir Douglas Dawson, Comptroller of the Lord Chamberlain's department.

Violet Hermione, Duchess of Montrose, President of the Scottish Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Mary Elizabeth, Viscountess Northcliffe, member of the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Viscountess Northcliffe is Administrator of the Lady Northcliffe's Hospital for Officers, which was given by her.

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS.

Mr. Francis Arthur Aglen, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Mr. Frank Baillie, Director of National Aeroplane Factory, Toronto.

Mr. Clement Anderson Montague Barlow, M.P., LL.D. Mr. Barlow raised the Salford Brigade of five battalions.

Mr. John Field Beale, Vice-Chairman of the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies, and Chairman of the Allied Wheat Executive.

Colonel Sir George Thomas Beatson, K.C.B., M.D., Chairman of the Scottish Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Mr. Walter Becker, who has done much work for the British artillery, which has been operating in Italy for more than a year, and has instituted and maintained a hospital in Turin.

Mr. Andrew Caird, Administrator of the New York Headquarters of the British War Mission to the United States of America.

Mr. James Cantlie, M.B., F.R.C.S., who is a member of the Council and of the Executive Committee of the British Red Cross Society.

Mr. Charles Frederick Close, C.B., C.M.G., Director-General of the Ordnance Survey of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Alfred Thomas Davies, C.B., Founder and Honorary Director of the British Prisoners of War Book Scheme.

Mr. Joseph Davies, representative for Wales and Monmouthshire on the Cabinet Committee for Prevention of Unemployment and Distress.

Mr. William Henry Davison, Mayor of Kensington. Mr. Davison has raised three battalions and undertook personal responsibility for housing, clothing, and equipping one of them.

Mr. Alfred Hull Dennis, C.B., Assistant Solicitor to the Treasury.

The Right Hon. Willoughby Hyett Dickinson, M.P., Chairman of the Soldiers' Dependents' Assessment Appeals Committee.

Mr. William Don, Lord Provost of Dundee.

Mr. Arthur John Dorman, Chairman of Messrs. Dorman, Long, and Company, Middlesbrough.

Mr. Bagnell George Elliott, who has done much war work, and is Chairman of the Commercial Travellers' School.

Mr. Herbert Trustman Eve, Chairman of the Forage Committee.

Dr. Walter Morley Fletcher, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., the Secretary of the Medical Research Committee.

Sir William Bower Forwood.

Lieut.-Col. Henry Fowler, Chief Mechanical Engineer to the Midland Railway, and Superintendent of the Royal Aircraft Factory at Farnborough.

Mr. James Galloway, C.B., Chief Commissioner for Medical Services to the Ministry of National Service.

Colonel Alexander Gibb, R.E., of the firm of Messrs. Easton Gibb and Son.

Mr. Kenneth Weldon Goadby, a member of the War Office Committee for the Study of Tetanus.

Mr. Arthur Horne Goldfinch, Director of Raw Material in the Department of the Surveyor-General of Supplies at the War Office.

Mr. William Athelstane Meredith Goode, Honorary Secretary of the National Committee for Relief in Belgium.

Mr. Alexander Gracie, M.V.O., Managing Director of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company.

Sir William Grey-Wilson, K.C.M.G., Chairman of the Central Committee for Patriotic Organisations.

Mr. Connop Guthrie, representative of the Director of Transports in the United States of America.

Lieut.-Col. Frederick Hall, M.P., who has raised several batteries of artillery.

Mr. Arthur H. Harris, Acting Director of Overseas Transport to the Canadian Government, and representative of the Director of Transports in Canada.

Mr. Frederick Nass Henderson, member of the Admiralty Shipbuilding Council.

Mr. Philip Gutterez Henriques, Deputy Controller of Munitions Finance.

Mr. Ernest Varvill Hiley, late Deputy Director of the National Service Department.

Col. Arthur Richard Holbrook, V.D., D.L., J.P. Colonel Holbrook is a prominent citizen of Portsmouth, and has been identified with much war work of that important centre.

Lieut.-Col. Robert Stevenson Horne, K.C., R.E., Director of Materials and Priority in the Controller's Department of the Admiralty.

Mr. George Burton Hunter, Chairman of Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson and Company, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Brig.-General Louis Charles Jackson, C.B., C.M.G., late Controller of the Trench Warfare Research Department at the Ministry of Munitions.

Mr. Gustavo Jenney, Managing Director of Messrs. Brunner, Mond, and Company.

Mr. Edgar Rees Jones, M.P., Superintendent of the Priority Department at the Ministry of Munitions.

Mr. Roderick Jones, Managing Director of Reuter's Telegram Company.

Mr. Charles Halstaff Kenderdine, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospitals at Roehampton.

Mr. Harry Livesey, Director of Navy Contracts at the Admiralty, and formerly Deputy Director of Inland Water Transport and Docks at the War Office.

Mr. John Seymour Lloyd, Director-General of Recruiting.

Mr. John Mann, Controller of Contracts at the Ministry of Munitions.

Mr. Arthur Harold Marshall, M.P., Chairman of the Central Building Board of the Parliamentary Munitions Committee, and of the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee.

Mr. George Ernest May, Secretary to the Prudential Assurance Company, and Manager of the American Dollar Securities Committee.

Mr. Peter Hannay McClelland, member of the Advisory Board, Surveyor-General of Supply Department at the War Office.

Mr. James McKechnie, Managing Director of Messrs. Vickers, Limited, at Barrow.

Col. Andrew Muter John Ogilvie, C.B., R.E., Director of Army Signals (Home Defence), and Second Secretary to the Post Office.

Mr. Thomas Henry Penson, Chairman of the War Trade Intelligence Department.

Mr. Edward Penton, junior, who is in charge of the Boot Section of the Royal Army Clothing Department.

Mr. Frederick George Panizzi Preston, Chairman of Messrs. James Stone and Company, of Deptford.

Sir Frederick Alexander Robertson, Chairman of the Central Council of the United Alien Relief Societies.

Mr. Robert Robertson, D.Sc., F.R.S., Superintending Chemist in the Research Department at Woolwich Arsenal.

Mr. Herbert Babington Rowell, a member of the Admiralty Shipbuilding Council.

Mr. Harry Smith, Chairman of the Keithley Board of Management, Ministry of Munitions.

Mr. Charles John Stewart. Mr. Stewart is well known as the Public Trustee, and as having taken a leading and important part in the promotion of war time economy in various directions.

Mr. Thomas James Storey, a member of the Committee and Chairman of the Classification Committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Mr. Percy Kendall Stothert, Chairman of the West of England Board of Management, Ministry of Munitions.

The Right Hon. Sir Thomas Vezey Strong, K.C.V.O., Chairman of the City of London Tribunal.

Lieut.-Col. Campbell Stuart, Vice-Chairman of the London Headquarters of the British Mission to the United States of America.

Mr. Charles Sykes, Director of Wool Textile Production, and Chairman of the Board of Control of the Worsted Woollen Trades.

Dr. William Henry Thompson, Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Food.

Mr. William Rowan Thomson, Director of Auxiliary Ships' Engines, Controller's Department, Admiralty.

Mr. Frank Warner, President of the Silk Association.

Lieut.-Col. Alfred Cholmeley Earle Welby, Secretary of the Royal Patriotic Royal Fund Corporation.

Major (temp. Major-General) Lee Oliver Fitzmaurice Stack, C.M.G., of the Reserve of Officers, Acting Sirdar, and Governor-General of the Soudan.

DAMES COMMANDERS.

The Hon. Mrs Eva Isabella Henriette Anstruther, Organiser of Soldiers' Libraries.

Caroline Lady Arnott, Vice-President of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society in Dublin.

Miss Maude Burnett, who enjoys the distinction of being a Town Councillor of Tynemouth.

Mrs. Alice May Godman, the organiser of Red Cross work in the Horsham district of Sussex.

Agnes Lowndes, Lady Jekyll, head of the Stores Department of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Adelaide Livingstone, Secretary of the Government Committee on the treatment by the enemy of British prisoners of war.

Mrs. Ethel Locke-King, Vice-President of the North Surrey Division, and Assistant County Director for Surrey of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Flora, Lady Lugard, Joint Founder of the War Refugees Committee, and Founder of the Lady Lugard Hospitality Committee.

Mrs. Margaret Ker Pryse-Rice, President of the Carmarthenshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Rosamond Cornelia Gwladys, Viscountess Ridley, Donor and Administrator of Lady Ridley's Hospital for Officers in Carlton House terrace. Viscountess Ridley has directed practically all her energy to war work throughout the present campaign.

Edith Harriet, Lady Sclater, of Lady Sclater's Work Room and Smokes Fund.

Olive Crofton, Lady Smith-Dorrien, President of the Hospital Bag Fund.

Miss Janet Stancomb-Wills.

Mrs. May Webster, Chairman of the British Women's Hospitals Committee, and of the Three Arts Employment Fund.

OTHER CLASSES OF THE ORDER.

The Commanders of the Order, who follow next in order, number over 270, including five representatives of India, and four of Egypt and the Soudan. The remainder of the big *Gazette* is devoted to Officers and Members of the Order. It is only possible to say of all these, that they have in some way or other specially qualified for honour by work of national importance at a time of stress and danger. It is well understood that those who now are admitted to the lower ranks of the Order of the British Empire have been thus provided with possible stepping stones to the higher classes.

Mr. Will Thorne has sent the following characteristic letter to the Acting Secretary of the Order of the British Empire at the Home Office:—

"DEAR SIR,—In reply to your kind letter of the 29th, I desire to say that when three months ago the Prime Minister kindly offered me an appointment as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire I felt obliged to respectfully decline the honour. I now see no reason for coming to any other decision. I believe it is the duty of every citizen to do his or her utmost for the country during the war crisis. Any service of mine deemed worthy of notice was not given in the hope or expectation of any reward or decoration whatever.—I remain, yours very truly, W. THORNE."

Amongst others honoured are the following:—

To be Commanders.—Mildred Harriet, Lady Anstruther; Ellen, Lady Askwith, Ladies' Auxiliary Committee (Munitions Section), Y.M.C.A.; Gerald Bellhouse, Esq., Deputy Chief Inspector of Factories; Blanche Vere, Countess of Bessborough, Hon. Secretary Y.M.C.A. Auxiliary Committee for France; Miss Kathleen Burke; Geoffrey Butler, Esq., Department of Information, Foreign Office; Lieut.-Colonel Herbert Lindsay Fitzpatrick, Red Cross Commissioner, Salonika; Brevet Col. St. John Corbet Gore, C.B.; Col. George Joachim, Viscount Goschen, Director of Labour Division, Food Production Department; Rosamund, Lady Henry Grosvenor, Ladies' Auxiliary Committee (Munitions Section), Y.M.C.A.; Terence Charles Macnaghten, Esq., Principal Clerk, Colonial Office; James Rochfort Maguire, Esq., Ladies' Auxiliary Committee (Munitions Section), Y.M.C.A.; William Mitchell-Thompson, Esq., M.P., Director of the Restriction of Enemy Supplies Department; Arthur Eugene O'Neill, Esq., Ministry of Shipping; Frank Tatlow, Esq., Deputy General Manager Midland Railway.

To be Officers.—Henry Patrick Boland, Esq., Secretarial Office, Ministry of Munitions; Hubert Francis Daubeny Burke, Esq., Section Director, Central Stores Department, Ministry of Munitions; Mrs. May Burke, Commandant, Urmston and Fairfield Auxiliary Hospitals, Eastbourne; Arthur Francis Butler, Esq., Section Director of Labour Supply Department, Ministry of Munitions; Mrs. Mary Gertrude Carden, Secretary, National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland; Mrs. Dehra Chichester, Vice-President of St. John's Voluntary Aid Detachments for Belfast; Major Sir Jocelyn Brudenell, Earl of Chichester, Adjutant-General's Department, War Office; George Chester Duggan, Esq., Military Sea Transport Branch, Ministry of Shipping; John McCann, Esq., Chairman of the Hull Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, and Port Fishery Captain; Robert McCann, Esq., Headquarters Staff, Y.M.C.A.; Lieut.-Commander William Holdsworth McConnel, R.N.V.R., Department of the Director of Torpedoes and Mining, Admiralty; Frederick William Moneypenny, Esq., M.V.O., Secretary to the Lord Mayor of Belfast; Miss Evelyn Moore, Organiser of Canteens, Hostels, and Clubs, Munition Workers' Welfare Committee, Y.M.C.A.; Harold Moore, Esq., Research Department, Woolwich Arsenal; Jasper Frederick Moore, Esq., Military Intelligence Branch, War Office; James George O'Keefe, Esq., War Office and Ministry of Munitions Financial Representative in U.S.A.; Captain Richard William Alan, Earl of Onslow, General Staff, War Office; Annie Constance, Lady Plumer, Lady Superintendent, Aldwych Y.M.C.A. Hut; Lieut. Maurice Ambrose Regan, R.N.V.R., Naval Transport Officer, Hull, formerly Representative of Messrs. W. Mathwin and Son, Admiralty Coaling Agents at Hull; John Ryan, Esq., Assistant Inspector of Dockyard Expense Accounts, Admiralty; David Arthur Fitzgerald Vesey, Esq., Legal Draftsman, Contracts Department, Ministry of Munitions; Frederick Wickham, Esq., Controller, Money Order Department, General Post Office; Edward Harry Grogan, Esq., Chief Inspector of Marine, Ports and Lights Administration, Soudan; Norman Macnaghten, Esq., Inspector, Ministry of Interior, Soudan.

To be Members.—Kenneth Delmar Barrett, Esq., Outside Manager, Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Company; William James Barrett, Esq., Inspector of Woodwork, Woolwich Dockyard; Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Barwell Barrington, R.N.V.R., Design Section, Air Board, Technical Department; Jack Percy Blake, Esq., Head of Priority Section, Explosives Supply Department, Ministry of Munitions; Major Arthur Blennerhassett, Remount Service; Mrs. Nesta Blennerhassett, Lord Dunraven's Hospital Ship, Grianaig; Miss Elizabeth Frances Boyd, Ministry of National Service; John Lockton Bryan, Esq., Superintendent of Registry, Food Production Department; Miss Ethel Cadogan Burton Ballantine, Lady Superintendent, Army Pay Department; Thomas William Carroll, Esq., Constructive Department, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth; Frank William Coffey, Esq., Secretary in Charge, Midland Division, Y.M.C.A.; Mrs. Jessie Murdoch Connell, Commandant of Myrtle Auxiliary Hospital, Myrtle street, Liverpool; James Conner, Esq., Messrs. Dick Kerr, Ltd.; John Corrigan, Esq., member of Appeal Tribunal, Ayr; Edward Patrick Creegan, Esq., Superintendent of the Drawing Department of the Ordnance Survey of the United Kingdom; Frederick George Dunlop, Esq., Outside Manager of Messrs. Harland and Wolff's Belfast Works; Stuart Strickland Moore Ede, Esq., Sub-Section Director, Raw Materials Branch, Ministry of Munitions; Mrs. Florence Fetherstonhaugh, Vice-President and Organiser, Haselwood Auxiliary Hospital, Ryde, Isle of Wight; Henry FitzMaurice, Esq., First Class Assistant in Siam Consular Service; Mrs. Helene Fowle, President of the Committee for Dealing with the Interests of Belgians in Ireland; John Jacob Fox, Esq., D.Sc., F.I.C., First Class Analyst, Government Laboratory; John Dunn Gamble, Esq., British and Foreign Sailors' Society, Londonderry; William Geoghegan, Esq., County Director, City of Dublin, British Red Cross and Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Captain Gorman Gorman; Captain Philip Edward Gummer, R.E., Staff Officer, R.E., Irish Command; John William Halloran, Esq., Town Clerk, Chatham, Clerk to the Chatham Local Tribunal; Miss Emily Moore Hamilton, Controller of Welfare and Chief Superintendent of Girl Messengers, War Office; Major Arthur Leonard Hanna, Inspecting Officer to Mechanical Transport, Ministry of Munitions; Captain Samuel Wallace Harris, Quartermaster, Headquarters, Irish Command; Arthur Hogan, Esq., Chief Examiner, Exchequer and Audit Department; Andrew Coutts Horne, Esq., Shipping Agent, Queenstown; Miss Blanche Ireland, Deputy Unit Administrator, Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps; Arthur Richard Kearney, Esq., Chief Technical Adviser, Technical Organisation of Instructional Factories, Ministry of Munitions; Miss Margaret Alice Keary, Assistant Quartermaster, Auxiliary Hospital, Torquay; Lieutenant John James Keene, Confidential Clerk, War Office; Frank Arthur Kelly, Esq., Senior Clerk, Metropolitan Asylums Board; James Kelly, Esq., In Charge, Price List of Munitions, Contracts Department, Ministry of Munitions; Robert Kelly, Esq., General Outside Manager, Engine Department, Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons; William James Kenny, Esq., Civilian Clerk, Army Ordnance Department; John MacQueen, Esq., Works Manager on Machinery Side, Messrs. Denny Brothers; William Henry Mann, Esq., County Director, Tyrone, British Red Cross and Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Treasurer of "Our Day" Fund in Ulster; Albert John Manning, Esq., Senior Clerk, Recruiting Department, Ministry of National Service; George William Richardson McCammon, Esq., Royal Corps of Naval Constructors; Miss Maude McGavin, Acting Assistant to the Supervisor of Copying, Colonial Office; James McGowan, Esq., Scottish Surveyor of Taxes; Norman McManus, Esq., Works Manager, Dundee National Shell Factory, Ministry of Munitions; Mrs. Julia McMordie, President of St. John Voluntary Aid Detachments, Belfast; Henry Palmer Murphy, Esq., Personal Assistant to Controller of Inspection, Ministry of Munitions; Jerome Bernard Murphy, Esq., Cunard Agent, Queenstown; Arthur O'Reilly, Esq., Supervising Clerk, Honours Section of the Military Secretary's Department, War Office; Sydney David Pallis, Esq., Superintendent of Refuge for Belgians at Edmonton; Arthur Piper, Esq., Acting Paymaster, Army Pay Department; George Power, Esq., Secretary, Midland Leather Trades Federation; Percy Christopher Rice, Esq., Financial Department, Foreign Office; Major William John Ryan, Royal Flying Corps; Walter Sexton, Esq., Organiser of Transport Service, Dublin, British Red Cross and Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Matthew Joseph Sheridan, Esq., Collector of Customs and Excise, Newcastle; Herbert Given Stevenson, Esq., Representative of the Ministry of Pensions, North Ireland; Mrs. Gwendoline Chenevix Trench, Administrator, Penrhyn Cottage Auxiliary Hospital, Carnarvonshire; Mrs. Ella Gertrude Anna Webb, M.D., Lady District Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Dublin; William Wright, Esq., Y.M.C.A. Secretary for Ireland; Miss Patricia Young; Mrs. May McCarthy, India.

LORD READING'S NEW POST.

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN UNITED STATES.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE TO RETAIN CHARGE OF MISSION IN LONDON.

The Press Bureau issues the following:—

On the departure on leave of Sir Cecil Spring Rice, His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, the King has been graciously pleased to appoint the Earl of Reading, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., Lord Chief Justice of England, to be his High Commissioner in the United States, in the character of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary on a special mission.

Lord Reading, as High Commissioner and Special Ambassador, will have full authority over the members of all British Missions sent to the United States in connection with the active prosecution of the war, and the labours of such missions will be completely under his direction and control.

Lord Northcliffe will remain in London as Chairman of the London Headquarters of the British War Mission to the United States.

STATEMENT BY VISCOUNT NORTHCLIFFE.

Viscount Northcliffe was interviewed last night by a representative of the Press Association on the appointment of the Earl of Reading as High Commissioner and the vast and growing work of the Mission. The nation, said Lord Northcliffe, is indebted to Lord Reading for taking up the tremendous task of representing the War Cabinet, the British War Mission to the United States, the Treasury, the Ministry of Munitions, the Air Board, and, in fact, all British interests in the United States, at a time when the inter-dependence of the United States and United Kingdom on each other's war efforts has assumed a scale little imagined by the public. The speed of the Anglo-American war effort has been impaired in the past by the need of one controlling head of all British affairs in the United States. Precious weeks have been wasted in correspondence, and equally precious hours in cabling from the Embassy at Washington. Lord Reading will be in touch by private wires with all the great departments of the Mission in New York. I am not in the secret of his instructions from the Cabinet, but no doubt he has been given the same full authority to act promptly and on his own judgment, as he possessed during his last momentous visit to the United States and Canada. The diplomatic and financial aspects of Lord Reading's Mission are only part of it. He will be in charge in the United States of an enormous organisation. While I was in New York the Purchasing Department alone celebrated its fifty thousandth cable. The daily difficulties in Lord Reading's task will be mitigated by the great goodwill extended to him by the Government and people of the United States and by the President himself. His knowledge of languages will facilitate discussions with the Ambassadors and heads of Allied War Missions at Washington. It is no reflection upon our Ambassadors abroad that it is in these times necessary to reinforce the Embassies by High Commissioners. Up to 1914 the British representatives in the United States were housed in a substantial mansion. At Washington to-day our combined establishments demand buildings which would make a very considerable showing in Whitehall.

"The task of supervising the London establishment of the British War Mission, which I have willingly accepted, is growing daily. With the constant arrival of the heads of American Government Departments and others requiring information and assistance, we have found it necessary to keep Crewe House open night and day, seven days a week, in order that there may be no delay in our communications with the United States."

THE D.S.O.

The D.S.O. has been conferred on Major John Walter Revell, Royal Engineers, the eldest son of the late John Anthony Revell, Newcastle House, Newtownmountkennedy, and of Mrs. Revell, 7 Galtrim road, Bray. He has been on active service since the Gallipoli expedition, and has been twice mentioned in despatches.

Major W. Robertson, R.G.A., just given the D.S.O., is the eldest son of Major and Mrs. Robertson, of Struan Hill, Delgany, and nephew of Mr. Robertson, Hermitage, Dundrum, and General Sir A. Wynne, G.C.B. He has two brothers serving, one a commander in the Royal Navy, the other Captain, R.E., in Palestine. To a younger brother, Captain Clement Robertson, lately killed in action, has just been awarded the first V.C. for the Tank Corps."

THE MILITARY CROSS.

It is interesting to note that the names of three sons of Irish judges appear in the recent New Year's List of Honours, each being a recipient of the Military Cross. Major H. O. Holmes, R.F.A., is a son of the late Lord Justice Holmes, and a member of the North-West Bar; Captain R. D. Ross, North Irish Horse, is a son of Mr. Justice Ross; and Captain B. M. Kenny, the Queen's Regiment, is a son of Mr. Justice Kenny. They have all borne themselves gallantly in the great struggle for freedom and civilisation. Major Holmes was through the actions at Gallipoli, and recently in those at Cambrai. Captain Ross and Captain Kenny were among the "Contemptibles" that stayed the German advance at Mons, and fought at the battles of the Marne and the Aisne.

In the New Year's Honours List appears the name of Lieutenant (now Acting Captain) John Gillespie, R.F.A., who has got the Military Cross, son of Mr. John Gillespie, solicitor and estate agent, Castleblayney. He was educated at the Royal School, Dungannon, and afterwards entered Trinity College, Dublin, and in October, 1915, obtained his B.A. and LL.B. Obtaining his commission on the 9th November, 1915, he went to France on the 10th January, 1916. In January, 1917, he was appointed Divisional Trench Mortar Officer with the rank of Acting Captain, for a celebrated Highland division. He has been wounded three times—twice seriously, and is at present in Ireland. He was an enthusiastic footballer, cricketer, and golfer, and played for the Monkstown Rugby team.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

The Chief Secretary received privately a deputation, introduced by the Solicitor-General, with regard to the welfare of the blind yesterday at Dublin Castle.

FROM "THE TIMES" OF TO-DAY.

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PROPRIETORS OF *THE TIMES*.)

THE ALLIES AND THE SPEECH.

Rarely since the war began, says *The Times*, has British opinion been so unanimous as in its approbation of the Prime Minister's speech. Not a single discordant note has been heard in any responsible quarter. It has not only satisfied organised Labour; prominent "pacifists" themselves have professed contentment with it, while those organs of conservatism which scrutinise the conduct of Ministers most jealously join in the admiration it has generally aroused. There has not yet been time for all of the Dominions to speak, but Mr. Hughes has hastened to praise it with characteristic heartiness, and it is certain that the countrymen of Sir Albert Kemp, the Canadian Minister of Overseas Military Forces, and of General Smuts will warmly support a pronouncement which these statesmen helped to prepare. Mr. Lloyd George's claim, that he was "speaking the mind of the nation and of the Empire," is already justified in full measure. It is not their mind only that he has spoken. Our messages this morning show that his words are welcomed with enthusiasm by all of the democracies whom they have reached. Our French Allies judge the speech as favourably as do our own countrymen and the people of the United States. It remains to be seen what effect this plain statement of our terms will have in Russia, and upon the Central Powers and their satellites. The evidence so far available is altogether insufficient to warrant the formation of considered opinions upon these points. The speech puts the sincerity of many statements and of many persons to the test. If the Bolshevists really have faith in their doctrines, they have but to compare the equivocal proposals tendered them by Germany with the terms laid down by Mr. Lloyd George to see which correspond more nearly with their principles, and even with their formula. It is of ill omen to see that their organ, the *Bulletin*, is trying to find excuses in some words of the Prime Minister, probably from his speech in the House of Commons, for throwing the blame of a possible Bolshevist surrender to Germany upon the attitude of the Allies; but, as we have said again and again, we cannot accept Lenin and his accomplices as the faithful spokesmen of the Russian people, or even of most "advanced" Russian Socialists. To the bulk of the revolutionary Socialists and to the people at large we believe that the views which appeal to all the great ordered democracies of the world would also appeal, but their present rulers, who are more autocratic than the Tsardom, will, perhaps, take care that the speech does not come into their hands. To Germany, and still more to Austro-Hungary and to Turkey, the Prime Minister's statement is a warning. Everywhere in the Empire, among the other Allies and in the United States, it is universally regarded as the irreducible minimum of our demands, and everywhere it is approved and welcomed for that very reason.

GERMAN NEW YEAR ARTICLES.

All the New Year articles in the German Press, says *The Times*, culminated in a single point, the "elimination" of Russia, and the consequent sense of increased strength and improved prospects against the Western Powers and Italy. But, since the announcement of this success coincided with what the *Vorwärts* calls the "unmistakably difficult situation" created at Brest-Litovsk, the New Year articles are, as a matter of fact, hesitating and uninspiring. As characteristic as anything is an elaborate address to students at the front from the present Rector of the University of Berlin, Professor Planck, who was allowed to return to Germany from Australia by way of England at the beginning of the war. After various platitudes, the Professor says:—"The year ends with a great success. Our mightiest enemy in Continental Europe has utterly collapsed—Tsarist Russia, which once robbed us of the fruits of the war of liberation, and has since been a constant peril to our Eastern frontiers. Italy is on the verge of collapse, and France only laboriously holds herself erect. The great enemy whom we have to overthrow in the coming year is England, that England which said that it went into the war without the intention of making conquests, and has won great gains from the war. England already regards almost all our colonies as her property, and is already making herself at home in Jerusalem and Bagdad. But England no longer stands as firm as she used to do. Although she has had to reconcile herself to the militarism which she opposes, her land army has not been victorious in Europe. Her mastery of the seas has been disputed since the battle of Skager Rack, and the submarine war is daily inflicting new wounds upon her. The scales are inclining to our side. The victory will be ours, if we hold out stubbornly, and do not exhibit ourselves as weaker than we are. It is not for us to talk of peace; we must force England to ask for peace. Until then the war will continue."

A BOLSHEVIST OFFER TO NORWAY.

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EADING'S NEW POST.

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T BY VISCOUNT NORTHCLIFFE.
Northcliffe was interviewed last
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CHIEF SECRETARY.

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Day" Fund in Ulster; Albert
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Miss Maude McGavin, Acting
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THE ALLIES AND THE SPEECH.

Rarely since the war began, says *The Times*, has British opinion been so unanimous as in its approbation of the Prime Minister's speech. Not a single discordant note has been heard in any responsible quarter. It has not only satisfied organised Labour; prominent "pacifists" themselves have professed contentment with it, while those organs of conservatism which scrutinise the conduct of Ministers most jealously join in the admiration it has generally aroused. There has not yet been time for all of the Dominions to speak, but Mr. Hughes has hastened to praise it with characteristic heartiness, and it is certain that the countrymen of Sir Albert Kemp, the Canadian Minister of Overseas Military Forces, and of General Smuts will warmly support a pronouncement which these statesmen helped to prepare. Mr. Lloyd George's claim, that he was "speaking the mind of the nation and of the Empire," is already justified in full measure. It is not their mind only that he has spoken. Our messages this morning show that his words are welcomed with enthusiasm by all of the democracies whom they have reached. Our French Allies judge the speech as favourably as do our own countrymen and the people of the United States. It remains to be seen what effect this plain statement of our terms will have in Russia, and upon the Central Powers and their satellites. The evidence so far available is altogether insufficient to warrant the formation of considered opinions upon these points. The speech puts the sincerity of many statements and of many persons to the test. If the Bolshevists really have faith in their doctrines, they have but to compare the equivocal proposals tendered them by Germany with the terms laid down by Mr. Lloyd George to see which correspond more nearly with their principles, and even with their formula. It is of ill omen to see that their organ, the *Bulletin*, is trying to find excuses in some words of the Prime Minister, probably from his speech in the House of Commons, for throwing the blame of a possible Bolshevist surrender to Germany upon the attitude of the Allies; but, as we have said again and again, we cannot accept Lenin and his accomplices as the faithful spokesmen of the Russian people, or even of most "advanced" Russian Socialists. To the bulk of the revolutionary Socialists and to the people at large we believe that the views which appeal to all the great ordered democracies of the world would also appeal, but their present rulers, who are more autocratic than the Tsardom, will, perhaps, take care that the speech does not come into their hands. To Germany, and still more to Austro-Hungary and to Turkey, the Prime Minister's statement is a warning. Everywhere in the Empire, among the other Allies and in the United States, it is universally regarded as the irreducible minimum of our demands, and everywhere it is approved and welcomed for that very reason.

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ATTEMPTED RAID BY THE ENEMY.

ACTIVITY OF AIRMEN.

With the exception of an attempted raid by the enemy and activity by our airmen, there is nothing of importance reported to-day from British Headquarters.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Monday, 9.38 a.m.—Except for occasional hostile artillery activity south-east of Messines there is nothing to report.

Monday, 9.5 p.m.—A raid attempted by the enemy early this morning south-east of Ypres was repulsed with loss by our rifle and machine-gun fire. Hostile artillery has been active this afternoon in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele.

Aviation.—On the 6th inst. much successful work was accomplished by our aeroplanes in co-operation with artillery. A large number of photographs were taken, and 12,000 rounds were fired from machine guns at hostile troops, transport, and other targets. Nearly three tons of bombs were dropped by our aeroplanes on different objectives.

A number of fights took place in the air, as a result of which six hostile machines were brought down, and two others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Monday Afternoon.—In Champagne both artilleries were active in the region of the Mont Haut. On the left bank of the Meuse we repulsed an enemy raid against our trenches on Hill 344. On the right bank the artillery duel assumed keen intensity during the night in the Bezonvaux-les-Chambrettes region. In the sector north of St. Mihiel our patrols brought back prisoners.

Aviation.—During the day of January 5th four German aeroplanes were brought down by our pilots, and a fifth by the fire of our special guns.

Monday Night.—The artillery on both sides displayed activity in the course of the day north of St. Quentin and in Upper Alsace, in the district north of the Rhone-Rhine Canal.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

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PRISONERS AND GUNS.

TOTAL CAPTURES AND LOSSES ON ALL FRONTS.

The War Office issues the following totals of British captures and losses in all theatres of the war in 1917:—

	Prisoners.	Guns.
WESTERN THEATRE.		
Captures	73,131	531
Losses	27,200	166
SALONIKA.		
Captures	1,095	—
Losses	202	—
PALESTINE.		
Captures	17,646	108
Losses	610	—
MESOPOTAMIA.		
Captures	15,944	124
Losses	267	—
EAST AFRICA.		
Captures	6,728	18
Losses	100	—
TOTALS.		
Captures	114,544	781
Losses	28,379	166

BRITISH DESTROYER LOST IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The Secretary of the Admiralty makes the following announcement:—

One of His Majesty's destroyers has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. All the officers were saved, but there were ten men lost. All the next-of-kin have been informed.

FIGHTING NEAR ADEN.

ENEMY SEVERELY PUNISHED.

The War Office announces:—The General Officer Commanding at Aden reports that on January 5th a strong reconnaissance was made towards Hatum and Jabir, the defences of the former being destroyed by our troops. Aeroplanes co-operated with our artillery, who did great execution on the enemy's infantry in the open, with direct observation, at effective range. The enemy suffered severe casualties both from our artillery and rifle fire.

INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND.

According to a Reuter message from Amsterdam, dated Sunday, a Berlin official telegram announcing that Germany has recognised the Finnish Republic says:—After the Russian Government had declared its readiness to recognise the independence of Finland immediately on receipt of Finland's application for such recognition, and after the Finnish Government had taken a corresponding step at Petrograd, which was favourably entertained, the Emperor, on January 4th, instructed the Imperial Chancellor to announce, in the name of the German Government, his recognition of the Finnish Republic. Chancellor Hjelt, Professor Erich, and M. Sario, the plenipotentiaries of the Finnish Government in Berlin, in the presence of the Foreign Under Secretary, Count Hertling, to-day informed the plenipotentiaries formally of Germany's recognition of the "Republic of Finland."

MACEDONIAN FRONT.

Bulgarian Official.—On the Chervena-Stena ridge and on the Monastir-Ressen road the artillery activity was more lively. On the right bank of the Vardar an enemy detachment attempted to approach our entanglements, but was driven off by our fire.

FUNCHAL PREPARING FOR ATTACK.

A Press Association War telegram from Lisbon, dated Saturday (delayed) says:—Special measures are being taken at Funchal, Madeira, in view of any further attempt to bombard the port.

AIRMAN'S DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.

Lieutenant Cecil Otcher Feddon, Indian Infantry, attached to the Royal Flying Corps, died yesterday from exposure after having been compelled to come down in the North Sea in a snowstorm. Lieutenant Feddon, who was married only six weeks ago, served with the Flying Corps in Mesopotamia and France, and had been wounded.

GERMAN AVIATION CAMP DAMAGED.

The frontier correspondent of the Amsterdam *Telegraaf* says that the big new German aviation camp near Oostacker, on the Ghent-Lokeren-Antwerp line, has been greatly damaged in aerial attacks.

The German newspapers report from Karlsruhe, dated January 4, that the enemy air attacks carried out against Mannheim, Rastatt, and Freiburg on the night of January 3 were frustrated by German anti-aircraft fire, and that the bombs which were dropped caused no, or only insignificant, damage.

MAXIMUM WHISKEY PRICES.

The *Evening Standard* understands that the Food Controller is about to fix a maximum price for whiskey of 9s. or 10s. a bottle retail. The question of inflated prices was discussed at a conference between Lord Rhondda and representatives of all sections of the trade in London on Friday last.

As a result, the Food Controller is now arranging a specified price list for whiskey as between the wholesaler and retailer to enable the retailer to sell at more reasonable prices than are now charged to the general public. It is also understood that Lord Rhondda will fix special vault prices to ensure the working man being charged no more than 4d. or 5d. for a small whiskey.

The new Order, it is expected, will be accompanied by large clearances from bonded warehouses which, at the end of November, held no less than 130 million gallons of whiskey, representing a six years' supply at the present rate of consumption.

ITALIAN FRONT.

BRITISH PATROLS FORCE THE PIAVE.

Italian Official.—There have been reciprocal bursts of fire between Praso and Cimego (Guidicarie valley), and a more intense activity of the medium enemy calibres in the Zugna region (Lagarina valley). On the Asiago plateau our batteries made effective shooting against enemy transports and troops on the march in the areas behind the lines.

There has also been activity by reconnoitring detachments. To the north of Costalunga Austrian parties were driven back and followed up by one of our patrols, which made a few prisoners. There were violent concentrations of fire by our batteries against enemy positions between the Frenzela valley and the Brenta valley, in reply to a persistent shelling of our lines. The enemy positions and rear areas between Vidor and Ponte Della Priula were repeatedly shelled with excellent results by French and British batteries.

At some points British patrols, having forced the Piave, caused alarm in the enemy lines. In the plain there were moderate artillery actions.

DUBLIN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

ARBITRATOR'S POWERS.

Mr. Arthur Taylor, Local Government Board Arbitrator, sat in the Receiver Court, Four Courts, yesterday, and opened an arbitration for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of compensation to be paid under the Dublin Corporation (Acquisition of Land) No. 1 Order, 1917, in respect of lands and premises proposed to be compulsorily acquired under the street widening and improvement scheme at North Earl street. The Corporation propose, amongst other property, to acquire fourteen feet of land, portion of what formerly formed the site of the premises occupied by Mr. Richard Allen at 28 Lower Sackville street, now purchased by Messrs. Clery and Co., to add to their new premises when built, and fourteen feet of land at Earl place, also purchased by Messrs. Clery and Co.

Mr. Clancy, K.C., M.P., and Mr. White (instructed by Mr. Ignatius J. Rice, Law Agent) appeared for the Corporation.

Mr. Healy, K.C., M.P., with whom was Mr. G. Duffy (instructed by Messrs. E. and G. Stapleton) appeared for Messrs. Clery and Co., and said the facts which he proposed to lay before the Arbitrator were of a nature that might seem to be almost incredible, were it not that the Dublin Corporation were mainly concerned in them. The Corporation, by some means and under circumstances known only to themselves, allowed a well-known and prosperous citizen, Sir Joseph Downes, a member of their body, to proceed with the rebuilding of his premises in North Earl street, and to complete an excellent business establishment. Having done so, they then decided to promote a "footy" little scheme of street improvement, the carrying out of which would necessitate enormous cost in the alteration of Sir Joseph Downes' premises. The Messrs. Clery and Co. had a large interest centred around that particular section of the street, and they had purchased Mr. Allen's premises, which immediately adjoined their own site, for the sum of £9,815, which was a little over what had been awarded by the Rebellion Losses Committee in respect of the buildings. Now they had the Corporation endeavouring to do what practically amounted to grabbing the money allocated to Messrs. Allen for the buildings. At a time when the Corporation had no position save that of interlopers, and without legal status, directed their Law Agent to call on the Chief Secretary to represent to him the attitude they took up, with the view—

Mr. Clancy, interposing, said all this was irrelevant, and he protested against Mr. Healy opening the case in such a way. The Arbitrator had nothing whatever to say to the question of the buildings, but simply to the estimated value of the lands. The Corporation were simply acquiring a site without buildings, and it was that which the Arbitrator had to consider.

Mr. Healy, resuming, said that Messrs. Clery had purchased Mr. Allen's interest, including the sum awarded by the Rebellion Losses Committee, and an attempt was now being made by the Corporation to defeat the just claim of Messrs. Clery. They had bought something on which buildings had stood, and that interest was attempted to be destroyed. Counsel's definite claim was that his clients must get back the £9,815 paid to Mr. Allen. By taking portion of this property the Corporation were practically destroying its use to Messrs. Clery, and they must make good the damage.

The Arbitrator said he had really nothing to do with any technical legal point. He had to consider the claim, and be guided by the map references.

Mr. White pointed out that Mr. Healy had not objected to the Local Government Board Order confining the issue to the 14 feet.

Mr. Healy said the award was made on the basis of rebuilding on the site. That condition would be rendered impossible of fulfilment if the Corporation were allowed their way. The result was "material damage."

The Arbitrator said it would be better to have his assessor in attendance.

It was ultimately agreed to adjourn until next morning for the attendance of Mr. Carrigan, K.C., legal assessor to the Arbitrator.

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN R. DEANE.

The death on Sunday, at a private nursing home in Dublin, of Captain Reginald Deane, Chief Inspector Irish Lights Service, is announced. The fourth son of the late Mr. A. S. Deane, Land Commissioner, of New Lawn, Donabate, Captain Deane was born in 1862, and was educated in the training ship Conway, from which famous school for officers of the mercantile marine he passed into Messrs. Devitt and Moore's line of sailing ships engaged in the Australian trade. Having gained deep-sea experience and his foreign "ticket," he joined the service of the Commissioners of Irish Lights as second officer in 1882, and was appointed to the ss. Alert. An officer of ability and keen on his duties, his promotion was rapid, and ten years later he became the commander of the Commissioners' yacht the Princess Alexandra. Nine years later he was chosen to fill the responsible office of Chief Inspector of the Irish Lights service, a position he filled until his death. Both in the service and with the public he was a popular official, courteous and painstaking, and one who took an absorbing interest in his duties. He only took ill at Christmas, and his death at a comparatively early age is deeply regretted.

MR. JOHN R. COOPER.

The death took place yesterday, at his residence, Drinagh, Co. Wexford, of Mr. John R. Cooper, Crown Solicitor for Co. Wexford, a position he filled for over twenty years. Mr. Cooper was a prominent sportsman, taking a keen interest in racing and rowing, as well as being an extensive breeder of bloodstock.

MRS. SIGERSON SHORTER'S FUNERAL.

The remains of the late Mrs. Dora Sigerson Shorter will arrive in Dublin this morning, and will be transferred to the Church of St. Andrew, Westland row, where Mass will be celebrated in the Mortuary Chapel to-morrow morning by the Very Rev. Father Augustine, O.S.F.C., before the departure of the funeral.

THE COUNTY TIPPERARY MURDER.

On Sunday evening the remains of the old army pensioner, George Sheehan, who died as the result of gunshot wounds inflicted on him on Wednesday night by masked robbers, who stole his soldier son's rifle, were removed to St. Mary's Church, Nenagh, where yesterday High Mass was celebrated. At one o'clock the funeral left for Kilmore, the remains being carried on a gun carriage, accompanied by two bands of the K.O.S.B. A large *cortège* of the general public, the military, and the police attended. Lord Dunalley, H.M.L., and Captain Hickie were also present, and as the solemn procession wended its way through the town window blinds were drawn, while the people—it was a fair day, and there was a great crowd—stood with uncovered heads.

DERRY WIFE MURDER CHARGE.

At a special Court in Londonderry yesterday Frank McNamee, ex-soldier, 35, was charged by District Inspector Ryan with the murder of his wife, Rebecca McNamee, aged 23 years, on Saturday night last. The accused was remanded.

In the afternoon an inquest was held by Dr. M. O'Kane, J.P., at the City Infirmary into the circumstances attending the death of deceased.

Constable Grekian gave evidence of finding the deceased lying in the hall of her house. Her face was cut and blackened, and her chest was covered with blood. There was a gash on her breast. Her husband was standing over her, and his conduct was most callous. He was under the influence of drink.

Dr. Cooke, Resident Surgeon, Derry Infirmary, said deceased died about an hour after admission. Death was caused by a penetrating wound of the right auricle of the heart.

The jury returned an open verdict.

LABOUR REPRESENTATION IN IRELAND.

The question of the prospects of Labour in Ireland at the next general election was considered at the last meeting in Dublin of the National Executive of the Irish Trades Union Congress. Several suggestions were made, but it was ultimately decided that a sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, and Mr. Johnson, should be appointed to inquire into the whole question of constituencies to be fought, and to report on the general question at the meeting of the National Executive.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S APPROVAL.

The Press Association says information has been received from the United States that the President and Government most warmly approve the Prime Minister's speech.

COLONEL TAFT'S OPINION.

An Exchange message from New York says:—Colonel Taft endorses Mr. Lloyd George's statement on war aims. It is a luminous and admirable effort, he says, to set the real facts of the war before the English public. Mr. Lloyd George makes plain the terms of peace. The attitude taken by him is the attitude of the Allies.

TROUBLED GERMAN COMMENT.

A Reuter telegram, dated Amsterdam, Monday, says:—

Commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's speech, the *Vossische Zeitung* to-day says:—This, the first tangible peace offer, is a fresh indication of our strength and a proof of Great Britain's weakness. Peace conditions at the expense of our Allies are unacceptable to us, as are likewise peace terms offering the return of our Colonies in exchange for the strengthening of the British world position in Asia. Mr. Lloyd George will also have made it clear to our Allies that the German armies in the West are fighting at least as much for them as for Germany.

The *Koelnische Volkszeitung* says—Mr. Lloyd George's declarations show a tone towards us which is, indeed, changed, but the old Imperial aims are wholly maintained. The British Premier belies his first sentence, in which he said he did not want the destruction of Germany, by his following sentences to the effect that he wanted to take Alsace-Lorraine away from us, and to give Poland portions of Prussian territory in the East. Despite his assurance to the contrary, he also wants to rob Austria-Hungary and Turkey.

The *Lokalanzeiger* says—Under this flow of words is apparent the old desire to smash Germany's power for ever, and to safeguard Great Britain's power for ever. The answer to this will be given by our troops on the Western front and by our U boats.

FRENCH PRESS OPINION.

According to a Reuter telegram, dated Paris, Monday, the *Journal des Débats* says—The British Prime Minister, in his speech on Saturday, made the most complete statement that we have as yet heard on the Allied war aims. He has explained the situation thus fully to the representatives of the Labour Party, because he is negotiating with them for reinforcements in man-power, having recently given them definite pledges in this respect. Even if they had not believed that he would be able to ask them for further sacrifices without declaring his reasons, there would be no cause to see in this long declaration any weakening in the will of the British Government to carry on the war to the end. Very much the reverse. But Mr. Lloyd George also desires the means to carry out his purpose, and for this reason he realises the necessity of arriving at an understanding with all the various sections of public opinion.

Under the title of "A Great Covenant," the *Liberté* writes—The speech of Mr. Lloyd George is a healthy and strong breeze which is going to dispel all the clouds accumulated by the *Boche*, his agents, his accomplices, and his dupes, around the war aims of the *Entente*. Speaking before the Labour Party, for the special benefit of the workers, the British Prime Minister above all desired that among the democracies of the Allies there should be no ambiguity as to the loftiness and liberalism of the aims which we are pursuing, and will pursue to the end, in the name of humanity and free and allied peoples.

The *Temps* says:—Speaking before the representatives of the Workmen's Unions, Mr. Lloyd George made it clear how the Government of which he is the head interprets the unanimous thought of the nation, and how the British Empire understands the aims of the Allies and the main conditions of peace. This declaration was indispensable on the eve of the new sacrifices which the British workmen are about to shoulder of their own free will. He was able, at a time when the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk had an unexpected and welcome result, to place before Germany herself the problem of German Imperialism. Yesterday was the time for the voice of Mr. Lloyd George, so hated by the pan-German, who vaguely realises the force of democratic ideas, to be heard beyond the Rhine. In listening to the solemn words of Mr. Lloyd George, the diplomatists and publicists across the Rhine will sneer, perhaps, but it is a tragic reality which they will not be able to hide indefinitely from their fellow citizens, namely, that if Germany remains as she appears to the world at present—perpetually thirsting for domination and perpetually convicted of bad faith—she will remain isolated after the war, as she has been blockaded during the war. Germans will do well to reflect on this prospect.

Writing in the *Gaulois*, M. Arthur Meyer hails Mr. Lloyd George's speech with emotion.

The *Libre Parole* praises Mr. Lloyd George for having been able to maintain the essential war aims of the *Entente*, and to get them accepted by the most optimistic pacifists.

The *Humanité* says—The speech is epoch-making. Why do not the Central Empires employ equally frank language?

The *Journal des Débats*, after referring to M. Clemenceau's telegram of congratulation to Mr. Lloyd George, writes:—This approval on the part of M. Clemenceau gives additional importance to the declaration of January 5. We hope it signifies a step towards the publication of a common programme. What the Allies should formulate is a concise and explicit statement, the terms of which can be accurately and completely conveyed to the whole world. In such a statement the second of the three conditions laid down by Mr. Lloyd George at the end of his speech should have a prominent place. This condition stipulates that a territorial settlement must be secured, based on the rights of nations themselves to dispose of their lot. That is to say, on the consent of those governed. The old British constitutional expression "government by consent of the governed" is here very aptly applied. We hope that Mr. Lloyd George will not fail to be inspired by it in the conduct of the war itself, and that he did not lose sight of it in speaking of Austria-Hungary.

ITALIAN OPINION.

A Rome telegram says:—Commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's speech, the *Tribuna* emphasises the great significance of the Premier's words at the present very delicate international moment, and says:—They complete the declarations of M. Pichon and Signor Orlando. These three spontaneous pronouncements from each Allied nation, continues the journal, give the greatest importance to the collective manifestation of concord among the *Entente* which results from them, and which is a revelation and a condemnation of the insidious and rapacious German pacifist attempts at Brest-Litovsk. The Brest peace is not yet the *Entente* peace. It is nothing but the last moribund attempt for a German peace.

The *Idea Nazionale* remarks that the speech was not improvised oratory, but a prepared and calculated reply to Count Czernin's clumsy bait. The paper expresses the wish that all the Powers of the *Entente* and the United States should concretely define all the principles which have been enunciated, the elastic interpretation of which enables the enemy to adopt them verbally.

LABOUR AND PEACE.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., has received from the Labour Council of New South Wales a message congratulating British Labour upon the unanimity reached with regard to its peace settlement proposals as accepted by the Westminster Conference.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, in an interview yesterday on the Premier's speech, said the statement was a clear invitation to German democracy to say exactly whether they were prepared to stand by the democracies of the Allied countries in taking the necessary steps to bring about an early and lasting peace. He hoped that one of the first results would be a rally of the whole of the people of this country, regardless of party, behind the Premier's declaration.

CONFERENCE OF ALLIED PREMIERS.

A Reuter's Paris telegram says:—The *Echo de Paris* announces that another conference of the Premiers of the Allied countries will soon be held in Paris, under the presidency of M. Clemenceau.

SOLDIER'S RIFLE STOLEN IN CLONMEL.

Our Clonmel Correspondent telegraphed last night:—

A sensation has been caused in Clonmel by a daring raid for arms last evening. It appears that Private Edward Pyke, A.S.C., arrived back from France last Friday, carrying his rifle and kit. He put up at his father-in-law's place, where his wife lived, in O'Neill street. On last evening, about 9.30, four armed and disguised men entered the house. There was no one in the place but Pyke's brother-in-law. The intruders went straight to a press, where Pyke's rifle had been placed, took it, and left the house as quietly as they had entered. The matter was reported to the police, who were engaged for most of the night searching for clues to the robbery. Two men were taken into custody.

GERMANY AND BREST-LITOVSK.

ATTACK ON BARON KUEHLMANN.

STRONG SOCIALIST CRITICISMS.

According to a Reuter telegram, dated Amsterdam, Monday, Krupp's organ, the *Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung*, violently attacks Baron von Kuehlmann's conduct of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, which, meanwhile, it considers responsible for General von Ludendorff's intention to resign, which intention has been officially contradicted. "Who conducted the negotiations?" asks the paper. "Was it the victors? Does anybody know who is victor and who is vanquished? To whom do we owe this? To Herr von Kuehlmann. The journal doubts whether any further co-operation between the Army Command and Baron von Kuehlmann is possible, and continues—Renunciation in the East is his watchword. Renunciation in the West will follow. There is no question of the guarantees which our people needs for a peaceful future. While negotiating at Brest he looks imploringly to England. Just as he now robs the Germans of their prize of victory, England will deceive him likewise if he remains in office, because it is out of the question that he will renounce the policy of understanding. Is it to be Hindenburg and Ludendorff or Kuehlmann and Hertling? The German people has now to choose.

GENERAL LUDENDORFF'S POSITION.

An Exchange message, dated Paris, Monday, says:—

News received from a trustworthy source at Zurich affirms that General Ludendorff sent to the Government at Berlin an ultimatum on the subject of the peace conditions to be imposed on Russia. After long deliberations on the personal intervention of the Kaiser, General Ludendorff withdrew the resignation he had sent, and had his own way completely. It is alleged that divergencies of opinion declared themselves regarding the effort Germany intends making on the French front.

A MOST MOMENTOUS MEETING.

A Reuter's Amsterdam telegram, dated Sunday, says:—According to the *Berliner Tageblatt* a calmer feeling now obtains in German Parliamentary circles, and the Majority parties firmly intend to support the Government, having, on the whole, been satisfied by the Chancellor's statement on the Brest-Litovsk incident to their representatives. On the other hand the Socialists were to-day to hold a meeting, which the *Vorwaerts* describes as possibly the most momentous since August, 1914. The Socialist Party, this journal declares, will make its future attitude dependent upon whether the Imperial Government finds its way back to its declaration of December 25. In the meantime the *Tageblatt* declares that the annexationists are putting forth every effort to overthrow Baron von Kuehlmann. The most serious consequences are openly threatened if he retains office.

The *Vorwaerts* gives the text of some outspoken Socialist speeches opposing the termination of the political debate at Saturday's meeting of the Main Committee.

Herr Schiedemann said that the Brest-Litovsk incident had created an enormous sensation. "Count Westarp's speech advocating far-reaching conquests must," he said, "be opposed in a most resolute manner. There must, and shall, be no doubt that the Reichstag interprets the principle of the self-determination of the peoples; otherwise we shall not reach a speedy peace. The way it was interpreted on December 28th was nothing but a veiled claim to annexations. At any rate, it must be admitted that the Russians met us more than we could in a general way have expected. The President's proposal to adjourn the discussion was passed against the votes of the Social Democrats. The Majority still adheres to the declaration of July 19. It is a fact that, like the Socialists, wide circles of the nation will see a contradiction between the statements of the German negotiators at Brest-Litovsk on December 25 and December 28. The Chancellor's position would be untenable if he desires to depart from his standpoint regarding the right of the self-determination of peoples. It is incomprehensible that, after the statement of December 25, the Russian negotiators should have been requested on December 28 to accept the declaration of bodies in Courland, Lithuania, etc., as the expression of the people's will. It is true that it was only a question of a proposal on the part of the German negotiators. We must have absolute clearness on all these matters. The Chancellor's declaration, read to-day, does not appear to me adequate. Anyhow, I want there to be no doubt, even for a minute, about the Social Democratic Party's attitude. We stand for the defence of our country, and repudiate all intentions of conquest. We stand by the unrestricted right of the self-determination of peoples. Just as resolutely as we oppose the annexation politicians of the *Entente* do we combat the annexation politicians of our own country."

A Reuter's Amsterdam message, dated Sunday, says a telegram from Brest-Litovsk states that the Conference with the Ukraine Delegates continues to-day at a plenary sitting, attended by the Plenipotentiaries of the four Allied Powers.

According to a Reuter telegram, dated Monday, a Berlin telegram says—The Social Democratic Party, in view of the occurrences at Brest-Litovsk and the annexationists' attack on the rights of peoples to decide their own destinies, again declares that a lasting peace is only possible if the democratic principle of self-determination is honestly carried out. The party, therefore, demand that the right to express their will freely and absolutely independently shall be guaranteed to the peoples concerned. The party unanimously approves its representatives' standpoint in the Main Committee, and is resolved resolutely to combat any misuse of the right of self-determination for the purpose of disguised annexations.

A Berlin telegram says—A party meeting of the National Liberals in the Province of Brandenburg declared itself in full agreement with the standpoint of the National Liberal Party in the Reichstag—namely, that as regards the question of the security of the German frontiers, east and west, the demands of the Supreme Army Command must be decisive. The meeting further expressed the conviction that the overwhelming majority of the German people would consider that the only German peace which would guarantee Germany's future would be a peace to which Hindenburg and Ludendorff agreed.

TIRPITZ TO THE CHANCELLOR.

An Amsterdam telegram, dated Sunday, says: Admiral von Tirpitz expresses the demand of the Fatherland Party and the Pan-Germans regarding the negotiations with Russia in the following telegram to the Chancellor:—"The German Fatherland Party warmly greets the firm stand made by Your Excellency towards the Russian demands, in which it sees the fruit of ten days of work by the *Entente*. The transfer of negotiations to Stockholm would betoken a decisive step on the path to a general peace which would pay no respect to the vital needs of Germany. The Fatherland Party now indulges in the hope that, contrary to the procedure of German negotiation hitherto, the path to a clear and resolute policy will be trodden in the spirit of Your Excellency's declaration, a policy which aims at the restoration of enduring good relations with Russia, but every moment remains conscious of German necessities and German national dignity, and which, with or without a separate peace with Russia, draws consequences from our position of ascendancy in order to gain for us the requisite position of power in the world. In such a policy, which is also the best for the real interests of our Allies, Your Excellency will have behind you the overwhelming majority of the German people and, of course, the active support of the German Fatherland Party."

THE FATHERLAND PARTY.

A Reuter's telegram, dated Amsterdam, Sunday, says—A secret circular, emanating from the President of the Fatherland Party for the Rhine Province, referring to an interview between Admiral von Tirpitz and the Imperial Chancellor on December 31, says—There is no ground for the anxieties felt by numerous branches of the party known as the Fatherland Party. The heads of the Fatherland Party are of opinion that, in the event of a separate peace with Russia, the German requirements in the East will not be endangered. The *Vorwaerts* very appositely asks what communications have given this impression to Admiral von Tirpitz.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN MINISTERS IN BERLIN.

A Berlin telegram announces the arrival at Amsterdam of Dr. Wekerle, Hungarian Premier, and of Dr. Wimmer, Austrian Minister of Finance.

GERMAN STATEMENT.

A Reuter telegram, dated Amsterdam, Sunday, says—A telegram from Brest-Litovsk reports that the following joint wireless message has been sent to Comrade Joffe, President of the Russian Peace Delegation, by Baron von Kuehlmann, Count Czernin, M. Popoff, and Nassim Bey, the heads of the respective Delegations of the Quadruple Alliance:—In their reply to the proposals of the Russian Delegation the Delegations of the Central Powers outlined on December 25th, at Brest-Litovsk, certain guiding principles for the conclusion of an immediate general peace. In order, however, to avoid any one-sided commitment they expressly made the validity of these guiding principles subject to an obligation that all the Powers engaged in the war, without exception and without reserve, should, within a suitable period, bind themselves strictly to observe these conditions, which were equally binding upon all peoples. With the consent of the four Allied Delegations, the Russian Delegation then fixed the term of ten days within which the other belligerents should take cognisance of these principles for the conclusion of an immediate peace as laid down at Brest-Litovsk, and decide as to whether they would join in the peace negotiations or not. The Delegations of the Allied Powers now place on record the fact that the ten days' term agreed upon lapsed on January 4, and that no declaration regarding participation in these peace negotiations has so far been received from any of the other belligerents.

A Brest-Litovsk telegram of Monday's date, received *via* Berlin, says that the Russian delegates, including Trotsky, have arrived there.

A telegram from Brest-Litovsk to Vienna says:—In reply to a note sent yesterday to Comrade Joffe by the Delegation of the Quadruple Alliance, the Russian Delegation telegraphed that, owing to the arrival of the Delegation of the Quadruple Alliance at Brest-Litovsk on January 5th, the Russian Delegation would also start for Brest-Litovsk, with M. Trotsky, the Commissary for Foreign Affairs.

600 PRISONERS LAND.

CAMP LIFE AND DIET IN GERMANY.

A CASEMENT SOUVENIR.

Yesterday 632 repatriated men were landed at Boston, on their return from Ruhleben and other German internment camps. By order of the authorities, public and Press representatives were excluded from the dock and the Seamen's Union Institute, where the repatriated civilian prisoners, who numbered 370, were supplied with refreshments. After the examination formalities had been completed, the military prisoners were placed on special trains inside the dock and proceeded direct to their destination, while the civilians were set free at the dock.

One of the men, complimented on his healthy appearance, replied, "Yes, thanks to your good food; not to theirs."

When William Wood, skipper of The Flavian, who seemed to be a Boston favourite, was recognised a great cheer went up. Mrs. Wood was in waiting with three of their six children, one of whom is a son now serving in India. There were some sixteen Boston men among the travellers. Of these, Chief Engineer Frank Gale, of the Marney, a boat sunk early in the war, gave an account of his experiences to a Press correspondent.

He was first at Sennelager Camp, where there was a large number of prisoners, including French and Belgians. They were first of all herded together in an open field, and had to sleep on the bare ground. Being September, the cold weather was coming on, and they suffered considerably from exposure. After a period Gale was transferred to Ruhleben.

A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Asked about feeding conditions there, he described them as bad, and said that on Christmas Day each man was given four potatoes about the size of walnuts for dinner. This was the official ration, but, happily, it was supplemented by boxes from home. These supplies from England had been the life and soul of the place, and perhaps there was some temptation to the Germans to reduce the rations. We could not have lived without the extras when we were first interned, he added. The Germans told us they would make the English swine feed out of tubs like pigs, but latterly we have had the pleasure of seeing the German sentries go round to our swill tubs, dip in their hands, and grab what they could get for eating.

Asked how the food supply was holding out in Germany, Mr. Gale vouchsafed the information that for the most part food shops were closed in Berlin. He described the sparse German ration supplied to them as follows:—In the morning, a small cup of coffee, without sugar or milk; for dinner, four potatoes on three days a week, and on other days stuff they called soup, consisting of boiled water, a little beetroot, and small squares of meat. The quantity of meat was trifling, only ten pounds of meat being boiled to make soup for 3,000 men. He added that as much as four guineas a stone had been given for pork in camp at Ruhleben.

During the conversation Mr. Gale produced from his watchcase one of the shamrocks issued by Roger Casement, which he obtained from an Irish soldier, who parted with it because he was hungry at Christmas time. The shamrock was made of calico. Mr. Gale said there undoubtedly were some Pro-Germans among the interned prisoners. They were lined up and asked who had sympathy with Germany. A few stepped forward. Asked if they were treated differently from the rest, Mr. Gale replied "Not at all." The Commandant, a German Baron, told the men—"Germany does not want you after the war, England will not have you, and where will you go?" The engineer had noticed recently an inferior type of man doing duty as guard at the camp. Regarding his liberation, he said they had been two years drafting him out.

A train carrying civilians for the south left in the afternoon. The passengers included English, Irish, Canadians, and Hindoos. Some, according to their own statements, had lived many years in Germany, had married German wives, and had children. In some cases they professed no particular satisfaction at the change of domicile, except that they were regaining their freedom. At the close of the war they may return.

Mr. Butterworth, a North of England merchant well known in Manchester commercial circles, was amongst the repatriated. He was travelling in Germany at the outbreak of the war.

Mr. Alfred Johnson, seaman, detailing some of his cruel experiences in the early part of his captivity, said—The stupid vindictiveness of the enemy took the form of shaving off the hair, beard, and moustache on one side of the head. While he was at Sennelager three Boston men died from exposure.

William Wood, skipper of the trawler Flavian, which was blown up in August, 1914, referring to the lack of food in Germany, said he did not think there was much to grumble at in this country; it was better off than Holland.

The Germans awaiting repatriation will cross to Holland to-day, and the second complement of British prisoners will return in the same ships.

The first train from Boston reached London last evening. In addition to civilians there were 151 soldiers, including 40 cot cases. The London Ambulance Column conveyed invalid officers to Millbank and invalid soldiers to London hospitals. The time of the men's arrival was kept secret, and only a few people awaited them.

OFFICERS AT SCHEVENINGEN.

A telegram from The Hague, dated Saturday, says:—

The following British officers who have been repatriated from Germany are staying at the Hotel Royal:—Captain C. F. Margetts (1st Batt. Dorsets), Lieutenant Spencer (Royal Field Artillery), Major Toogood (1st Batt. Lincolns), Lieutenant Theodore George (2nd Batt. Suffolks), Captain Graves (2nd Batt. Royal Scots), Captain Younger (R.F.A.), Captain Sampson (Royal Fusiliers), Major Tailyour (R.F.A.), Lieutenant Hon. Ivan Hay (5th Royal Irish Lancers), Lieut. Horne (19th Hussars), Captain Richardson (1st Batt. Durham Light Infantry), (?) Major Barnardiston (2nd Batt. Suffolks), Lieutenant-Colonel Bond (2nd Batt. King's Own (Yorks L.I.), Major Wilson (2nd Batt. Suffolks), Captain Massy (1st Batt. Cheshires), Captain Matterson (1st Batt. Cheshires), Captain Unett (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.), Lieutenant Clark (2nd Batt. Royal Irish Rifles), Captain Baxter (1st Batt. Hampshires), Lieutenant Showen (2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers), Lieutenant Berrill (2nd Batt. Suffolks), Lieutenant Belfour (R.E.), Captain Connal Rowan (Arg. and Suth'd Highlanders), Captain Armitage (27th Batt. R.F.A.), Captain Stirling (2nd Batt. Arg. and Suth'd Highlanders), Captain Rawdon (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.), Captain Ackroyd (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.), Captain Simpson (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.), Captain Irvine (1st Batt. King's Own) (?), Captain Keppel (K.O.Y.L.I.), Captain Ledgard (1st Batt. Yorkshires), Captain Halls (1st Batt. Hampshires), Captain Burnand (3rd Batt. Dorsets), Lieutenant Budden (8th Batt. Middlesex), Major Turner (1st Batt. Royal Berkshires), Lieutenant Burrows (2nd Batt. Manchesters), Captain Galacre (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.), Captain Montgomery (7th Dragoon Guards), Lieutenant Bell (2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers), Captain Stanford (R.F.A.), Captain Noel (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.), Captain Reynolds (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.), Captain Wyrne (2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.).

GERMAN RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

According to Berlin newspaper advices, says an Amsterdam telegram, a conference was held there on Saturday between the Parliamentary Industrialists and the Agriculturists on the subject of future tariff relations between Germany and Russia. Conservatives, Free Conservatives, National Liberals, and representatives of the Centre Party attended the conference. A common desire was expressed that in any coming economic negotiations with Russia adequate tariff protection of German interests should be provided for.

CONDITIONS OF A PLEBISCITE.

An Exchange (Copenhagen) message says:—The Berlin correspondent of the *Politiken* learns from well-informed circles, with reference to the Government's opinion regarding the solution of the German-Russian differences, that a plebiscite of the occupied districts cannot take place until the districts are evacuated by the German troops. Before this can be done the Russian Army must demobilise.

FOOD PROBLEMS.

CONTROL IN IRELAND.

TRADES COUNCIL AND PROFITEERING.

The National Executive of the Irish Trades Congress met in the Library in the Town Hall—Mr. W. O'Brien, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. Thomas Farren, who had been a member of the Irish Food Control Committee, attended with reference to the constitution of the Committee, and the manner in which they transacted their business. Amongst other things, Mr. Farren reported that prior to the Food Control Committee getting the report of the auditors appointed to investigate the accounts of the Dublin dairymen they agreed to a variation of their Order increasing the price of milk, and that on the question of bread their action with regard to Derry was such that he felt it was only a waste of time for any Labour man to be connected with the Committee. So satisfied was he of the futility of being connected with the Committee that all the Labour men on the Board had decided to have no further connection with it.

The Chairman expressed the satisfaction it gave him and the members of the National Executive that Messrs. Anderson and Barber had also resigned.

Mr. Thomas McPartlin, Dublin, proposed, and Mr. McNulty, Derry, seconded, and it was carried *nem. con.*:—

That, after hearing the report of Labour on the Food Control Committee, and from our knowledge of how ineffective it has been to prevent profiteering, as indicated by the recent action in connection with milk and bread supplies, we heartily commend the action of the Labour representatives (Messrs. Lynch, Cork; Waugh, Belfast; and Thomas Farren, Dublin) on their decision to resign in consequence thereof, and consider it the best means of concentrating the attention of the workers by agitating for the representation of a body with executive authority who will look to the interests of the consumers.

It was further decided to request the use of the Round Room of the Mansion House from the Lord Mayor in order to hold an All-Ireland public meeting to deal with the question of food supplies.

INFRINGEMENTS OF FIXED PRICES.

At Mullingar Sessions on Saturday a number of farmers and shopkeepers were fined one penny and costs for selling butter at a price exceeding the maximum. Fines of 10s. and 5s. with costs were imposed on grocers in Ballymore Eustace for infringements of Orders regulating the sale of bacon and jam.

The scarcity of flour in Athlone is stated to endanger the supply of bread to the local workhouse. The facts have been communicated to the Food Controller.

The County and City of Limerick Food Committee have decided to ask the Department to have the words "by licence" expunged from the Order relating to the export of butter from Ireland. They also seek to have heavy penalties inflicted as a preventive to profiteering.

At the meeting of the Portadown Town Council yesterday, Mr. D. Bell, J.P., said that the markets were being ruined by people buying butter at sums much in excess of the fixed prices.

EXPORTS OF IRISH VEGETABLES.

The Food Controller and the Shipping Controller, having no objections to offer, the export of Irish green vegetables from this side of the water to ports in Great Britain continues to be a profitable traffic. The small baskets formerly employed were apparently not adequate yesterday, as now the crates in use for carrying cabbages were sufficient to hold a cart-load at a time.

THE FOOD PROBLEM IN THE PROVINCES.

A deputation waited on the New Ross Guardians and District Council on Saturday with reference to the food supply. The Rev. T. O'Byrne said they had reached a critical stage in the history of the country, and were face to face with black '47 if something was not done. This was a national question, and affected the whole community, and all Ireland should take steps to safeguard their food supplies. They did not want to injure any interest in the country, but the thing was to have a sufficient quantity of food for the people of Ireland. A committee representative of all the members of the Guardians and District Councils was formed, and a sub-committee appointed to co-operate with the Urban Council to take steps.

MEAT SUPPLIES IN LIVERPOOL.

In view of the week-end meat shortage Irish cattle dealers at Birkenhead were very pleased yesterday at the efforts that Ireland is making to ease the situation. "A happy commentary on what has been happening in English centres," remarked a trader looking round the well-filled stalls. Besides what were booked through to large centres in the interior there were 1,700 head of cattle and 2,000 sheep for local requirements. Had certain shipping companies been enabled to conduct their regular sailings the supplies would have been much larger. The Irish sellers were, therefore, inclined to plume themselves. "The position," said one, "speaks very well for the Irish cattle traders, who, unlike their co-patriots in the English centres (if reports are true), have not refused to market their stocks. If the Irish exporters are satisfied with the prices which the Food Controller has ordered, and submit to them with good grace, they ought to receive the merit which, by contrast with those who have withheld supplies, is due to them.

There were more sheep in Mansfield Cattle Market yesterday than the pens could accommodate, and they made from 1s. 9d. to 2s. per pound. There were 79 beasts, against 39 a week ago. Local butchers are closing three afternoons a week.

THE MERTHYR BUTTER PROSECUTIONS.

The summonses at Merthyr under the Butter Order against the Lakelands Dairy Company, Cork—two for selling butter exceeding the maximum prices to James Evans, Carmarthen Stores, Merthyr, on November 28 and December 6; four for selling butter similarly to William Harris, High street, Merthyr; and three for entering into artificial or fictitious transactions concerning the sale of butter—have been adjourned by consent until Friday at the request of Mr. Harold Lloyd, Cardiff, who has been retained for the defence.

THE BLACKROCK MILK SHORTAGE.

OFFICIAL'S PROPOSED REMEDY.

Goats by the score may soon be seen feeding on the roadsides of Blackrock. The Blackrock Urban Council have taken up the consideration of means to deal with the shortage of milk supply. The proposal emanated from Mr. H. E. Powell, the Township Surveyor, who, in a letter to Mr. Mooney, the Town Clerk, wrote:—

It has occurred to me that some steps might be taken to increase the available milk supply by renting out the banks in Mount Merrion avenue and Cross avenue in small sections, each capable of grazing one goat. I understand a goat can easily be maintained on 60 yards square of good grazing, such as these banks, and I estimate 80 goats could be maintained. The cost to the Council would be nil. A small rent for each holding could be made which would bring in from £15 to £20 per year. The main advantage will be in the fact that if the holdings are granted to ratepayers with families for their own use, the present demand on the milk supply will be materially lessened. It is easy to tether the goats so as not to interfere with traffic, and to make rules as regards trading in the milk. This is the correct time for such a movement, as I am told milking goats will be plentiful at about £1 each. If adopted, I suggest all lettings be terminable on same date.

During the Council's discussion of the matter, it was pointed out that eight acres of the public park would give good grazing for goats. Thus many more than the 80 mentioned could be fed, or the park alone might be used and the roadside banks remain untouched. The Council decided to refer the matter to their Law Agent for report as to their powers. Some opposition on the part of local milk vendors has been apprehended, but in the acknowledged deficiency of supplies it is not likely that municipal action would be considered detrimental to these traders' interests. The milk shortage has been manifest in the now common sight of children and women with babies going about in groups of half a dozen from dairy to dairy seeking to buy small quantities of milk.

DUBLIN AIRCRAFT FACTORY.

The decision to erect an aircraft factory in Dublin has been received with feelings of general satisfaction, as it is realised that the project will do much to stimulate employment in the city. It is stated that the erection of the building will be begun as soon as the site is selected, and that tenders will be invited immediately. In addition to the factory, the construction of aerodromes, upon which it is understood a large expenditure is to be made, will provide much-needed employment, estimated to necessitate the services of about 3,000 hands. The work at a few of the aerodromes has already been started.

STRIKE AT IRISH AERODROMES.

A strike has occurred of carpenters and labourers who have been employed in connection with the erection of aerodromes in the vicinity of Dublin. A demand was made for an increase in the rate of pay from 1s. 1d. to 1s. 4d. per hour. The contractors have been informed by the War Office that the rate of 1s. 1d. will not be exceeded, and that there is a possibility of cancelling other work of a similar kind which had been in contemplation in Ireland.

The Use of the Molesworth Hall.—The letting of the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, for the purpose of a series of public lectures on Irish history, to be delivered by Mr. John MacNeill, has been cancelled. It is stated that the hall was let under a misapprehension.

SPECIAL EXTRA.

FRANCE AND ALSACE.

M. THOMAS CORRECTS BRITISH SOCIALIST VIEW.

In an article on the question of Alsace-Lorraine in to-day's *Daily Chronicle*, M. Albert Thomas, the French Socialist leader, says:—Our British Labour friends have been led on to believe we were in favour of a plebiscite. They know that we always grimly uphold the right of peoples to dispose of themselves. They thought that we could not apply that principle automatically to the case of Alsace-Lorraine. Alsace-Lorraine would recover her right freely to decide, probably under the control of an International or a France-German Commission, whether she is to remain German or return to France. This is not the policy advocated by the declarations of the French Socialists. What they say is this: the right of France to Alsace-Lorraine remains unaltered. It was in violation of the right of peoples to self-determination that Alsace-Lorraine was wrenched from France. The Treaty of Frankfort, to which France had to submit, has been torn to pieces by Germany's own will in 1914. The document by which Alsace-Lorraine was surrendered to Germany has now been destroyed. The right of France remains immutable; therefore, Alsace-Lorraine must come back to France.

MR. HUGHES AND MR. GEORGE'S SPEECH.

A Reuter's telegram from Melbourne says:—Mr. Hughes, commenting upon Mr. Lloyd George's speech, declared that both the tone and the terms of the speech are worthy of the hour and the man, and he hails this great and statesmanlike declaration of the views of the Empire and her Allies as a further proof of the Allies' resolution to continue the war until final victory is achieved.

AUSTRO-GERMAN ANNEXATION.

A "CRUSHING CONDEMNATION."

A crushing condemnation of the German and Austrian plans for annexations in the East, says a Reuter's telegram, appears in the *Zukunft*. After remarking that, for the earnest searching eye, a broad chasm still yawns between the desires of the two sides at Brest-Litovsk, Herr Maximilian Harden says:—If the demands of the Central Powers conceal a desire to annex or join the two last Empires in Europe, then there will again be only an armistice. There will be no lasting and honourable peace with Russia, which country will not eternally wear Lenin's red livery, or be satisfied with disintegration and communistic dwarf communities, or with being pushed away from the Baltic; away from the Black Sea, by the Republic of Ukraine, away from all ice-free seafronts. If Austria-Hungary wants the Crown of Poland for a Habsburg this inevitably means the renunciation of Austro-Hungarian Dualism, of which at most only a personal union, without joint defence, would remain, and must endanger the alliance with the possessor of Posen, West Prussia, and Silesia; while Germany's mature people would never take upon itself any guarantorship for an Austria burdened with Poland's Crown and the hatred of Russia, Italy, and at least three Balkan States. Regarding Germany, the writer says:—If the Letts, the Lithuanians, the Livonians, and the Esthonians, who for 500 years have warned off Germanism, now, contrary to all expectation and all demonstrable expression of their will, were, in a free vote, to express a desire for union with the German Empire, the nation would have to refuse the fulfilment of that desire, for its body cannot bear fresh foreign elements, and it does not want, by provoking the deep hostility of the Russian people—a people which before 1950 will comprise two hundred millions of souls—to brew a consoling draught for its Western enemies. Herr Harden declares that the key to the temple of peace lies in the Capitol at Washington. He concludes by earnestly urging the Reichstag to speak, saying that what is still wanting is only a rock-firm guarantee of the Brest pact, by the word of the German people. Silence will mean that it wants war, the duration of which no mortal can to-day guarantee, tion of which no mortal can to-day calculate.

CRISIS IN GERMANY.

The denial issued by the Wolff Agency regarding the report that Ludendorff had tendered his resignation to the Kaiser, says Mr. Renwick, Special Correspondent of *the Daily Chronicle* at Amsterdam, may be accepted as accurate, but it does not dispose of the whole matter. For some time past, as several German papers admit, interference by the two Army heads in political matters has been the subject of a great deal of discussion in political and Parliamentary circles. On the one hand, it is resented a good deal, while the Pan-Germans naturally openly boast of their trump card at headquarters. Things came to a head the other day when both Hindenburg and Ludendorff went to Berlin, and there can be little doubt that they made their attitude as to the peace negotiations quite clear. The two soldiers make little secret of their Pan-German leanings, as is evidenced by the constant stream of telegrams to all sorts of Pan-German organisations, and they never register the slightest objection to being hailed as great and powerful political Pan-German leaders. Talk in the Reichstag Lobby for some days past tends to make it believable that they—and not Ludendorff alone—took the same decisive step in favour of their Pan-German friends. That step was most likely a threat of resignation. The Army leaders' threat reinforces the violent campaign of the Pan-Germans against von Kuehlmann and the Brest-Litovsk Conference.

Political circles in Berlin continue to regard the situation as grave, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the *Morning Post*. The various leaders of the Reichstag groups called on the Chancellor and asked for explanations. Count Hertling made a reassuring statement, declaring that the military and political situation gave no cause for uneasiness.

The *Vossische Zeitung* asserts that if the crisis becomes acute, the German nation will stand behind Ludendorff and Hindenburg. This statement is a clear indication of the influence exercised by the military party.

HEAVY GUNFIRE IN FLANDERS.

From the Belgo-Dutch frontier, says the Rotterdam Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, comes news of very heavy gunfire from the direction of the Flanders front. The thunder of the guns is causing windows and doors at this distance from the front to shake incessantly all the morning, suggesting drum-fire. Yesterday there was great aerial activity. The Allies' flyers were frequently behind the German lines, and sounds of heavy explosions were heard. I learn that last week very large German reinforcements arrived in Belgium, of which most went to places behind the Flanders front.

UNITED STATES TROOPS FOR THE FRONT.

The New York Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says:—Despite the shipping problems, the *New York Sun* to-day claims authority for the statement that American troops are being shipped to Europe according to pre-arranged plan, and also that, as the result of the co-operation of the British, French, and American Governments, arrangements will shortly be completed, permitting the transport this year of just double the number originally intended.

RELEASED ENGLISH JOCKEYS.

Amongst the prisoners released from Germany who arrived in London last night was the London jockey, Mr. J. Hughes. He was met by his wife and Mrs. Lister, widow of another jockey, who died at Ruhleben last year. He said he and Mr. Lister were riding in Germany when the war broke out, and they were interned, their homes broken up, and their families sent penniless to England. We lost everything, added Mr. Hughes, and our families have had to struggle on without us. Mr. Lister died at camp in my arms. But for the food from England we should all have been dead.

HOWTH TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. D. L. Bergin, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Howth Town Commissioners last night.

Mr. Lynch moved a resolution calling for the appointment of a sub-committee of three Commissioners to estimate what necessary expense the Commissioners would have to incur to March 31, 1918, and what rate must be levied to meet those liabilities.

Mr. Irwin seconded the resolution. Eventually the matter was referred to a committee of the whole Board.

Mr. Irwin called attention to the necessity of having a telephone call box at Howth Railway Station. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. J. Newcombe) was directed to write to the Postmaster-General on the matter.

The matter of the improvement of the Howth baths was referred to a committee of the whole Board.

Mr. Newcombe reported that a deputation from the Commissioners had waited upon the Tramway Company with regard to special cars. The company agreed to make the 6 p.m. a "special" from the Pillar. The company also promised to accelerate the later evening trams in future. In connection with the provision of sanitary accommodation at Howth tramway terminus, Mr. Newcombe stated that the Tramway Company would be willing to spend money for this purpose provided the public health authority agreed to join in the expense.

The Chairman stated that a suggestion was made to the Tramway Company to link up with the motor boats to Ireland's Eye. The Chairman also proposed, and Mr. Irwin seconded, a resolution giving notice that at their next meeting the Commissioners would strike a rate of 6d. in the £.

Heavy Snowfall.—There was a heavy fall of snow during Sunday and yesterday in Tipperary, East Cork and Roscommon.

Snow in Tipperary.—Snow fell heavily in Tipperary on Sunday night, and on Monday it remained to a depth of four inches. Despite brilliant sunshine during the day, the air was bitterly cold.

THE WORLD OVER.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS IN THE NEWS.

BALTIC HALF FROZEN.

A telegram from Petrograd states that the Baltic is half frozen, and that ships in the Gulfs of Riga and Finland are blocked by ice.

MARQUIS'S HEIR WOUNDED.

Lord Drumlanrig, the heir of the Marquis of Queensbury, is reported wounded. He is only 21, and was married quite recently to a young and talented actress, who has now left the stage.

BRITISH MAY ENLIST IN FRANCE.

The British and French Governments have arrived at a convention regulating the liability for military service of their respective subjects in each other's country, whereby the men will have the option of serving either in the army of their own country or in that of the country in which they live.

ECONOMY IN MATCHES.

The Board of Trade have, on the advice of the Tobacco and Matches Control Board, made a new Order with regard to matches. The Board wish again to impress on the public the necessity of strict economy in the use of matches and the more general use of spills made from waste paper during the season when fires are burning.

GERMAN JEWS AND PALESTINE.

Baron von dem Bussche, German Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, welcomes Talaat Pasha's statement about Palestine, but M. Jacobus Kann, Chairman of the Committee of the Zionist World Organisation, says that, if Turkey had acknowledged the justice of their claim to Palestine as Great Britain did, then they would be ready to discuss the matter.

POLO PLAYER'S WIDOW TO MARRY.

Those who have played international polo will remember M. Maurice Raoul-Duval, in his prime the best player representing France. He fell at Verdun in 1916. His widow, Lord Vernon's only sister, has just become engaged. She is to marry shortly, at Gelos, Basses Pyrenees, France, Lieutenant Jean de Kermaingant. Mme. Raoul-Duval (whose mother, the Dowager Lady Vernon, was American) has three children.

TURKS' JOKE ABOUT LENIN.

The Turks fought like gentlemen, many who were in Gallipoli say. They possess another attribute: they are humorists. A Constantinople telegram says that the Philosophical Faculty there has proposed Lenin for a Nobel Peace Prize as the representative of the Russian people which announces to the world the ideal of peace, harmony, justice, and fraternity so dear to the Turkish people. The Foreign Minister will communicate the recommendation to the Stockholm Committee.

GUATEMALA CITY NOW WIPED OUT.

Messages received by the State Department in Washington say that Guatemala City has been completely destroyed by earthquake shocks on Thursday and Friday, which followed those of December. "What was left of Guatemala City is now wiped out. Shocks at 10.35 p.m. on the 4th finished everything. Steam is coming up in the streets. Cathedral fallen. Slides on railroad between San José and city. No trains. Reported further 300 killed."

"D.C.M." AND "M.M." AFTER NAMES.

Under a new Army Order, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal or Military Medal, will be entitled to add the distinctive letters "D.C.M." or "M.M.," respectively (or both sets of symbols if the two medals have been awarded), after their names and in all documents, registers, reports, correspondence, etc., the description should include these particulars. This Order is also applicable to officers who have been awarded the medals in question before being commissioned.

AMERICAN ARMY AND "PROFITEERS."

The American Army has a way of its own with war "profiteers." At Brest, American officers were fleeced by an hotel proprietor. General Wilson put two sentries outside the hotel, and ordered his officers to leave without paying the bill, and placed the hotel out of bounds. In another town two American soldiers went into a pastry-cook's and ate some cakes. They asked how much they had to pay, and the pastry-cook said 20f.; they paid. The next day they came back with eighteen more American soldiers, and ate as many cakes as they could, and then walked out, saying, "Oh, yes, we paid yesterday."

THE SEVERE WINTER ABROAD.

The fierce cold all over Europe was suggested yesterday in Dublin. The gloomy reports of a terrible winter—and consequent suffering—come from all parts of Europe. In France especially the frost is the severest for many years, and with no sign of relaxing in Paris. Saturday was the fifteenth consecutive day of cold weather. Rivers [illegible] degrees of frost were [illegible] Aube, and thirty-two [illegible] and Papalisée, where [illegible] broken in several di[illegible] fog, accompanied by [illegible] tramway services [illegible] twenty-eight degrees [illegible]

WAR-TIME BOOTS.

The War-Time Boot[illegible] at the Chamber of Co[illegible] moves on to Liverpool [illegible] and, in course of time, [illegible] There is a range of [illegible] models of boots and sh[illegible] manufacturing resources [illegible] been turned on to the [illegible] standard boots. Men's boo[ts] such as agricultural work[illegible] 18s. 6d. to 25s. 3d. A lig[illegible] wear will range from 21s. [illegible] Women's boots will range in [illegible] stout boot to glacé kid and in [illegible] to 24s. 6d. Schoolgirls' boots [illegible] 7s. 9d. to 14s. 5d., and boys' [illegible] 12s. 3d., with youths' at prices [illegible] to 14s. 3d. Special shoes for min[ers] turned out at 16s. 6d.

LAWLESSNESS IN PORT[UMNA].

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS AWARDED.

At Loughrea Quarter Sessions, John Connors, farmer, Gortnumera, Portumna, was awarded £95 compensation for the malicious stabbing of a seven-year-old brood mare and a [illegible] on the night of the 26th August last.

John Darcy, Garrybools, was awarded compensation for malicious injury to a horse, his property, which was stated to have been painted green, stripped of its shoes, its mane and fetlocks cut off, and the words "Up de Valera" and "Up *Sinn Fein*" painted on its sides.

It was stated in evidence that a farm in the neighbourhood, of which Darcy was [illegible], was sold to the Congested Districts Board. The Board afterwards proceeded to divide the farm and build houses on it, and on approaching completion migrants from a distance were selected to occupy the houses. The local people objected to migrants getting the holding, and the Board's works were boycotted, the only person in the neighbourhood to continue in the employment of the Board being Darcy, who was afterwards fired at in daylight.

Thomas Collins, Peterswell, was awarded £13 compensation and costs for malicious injury to 22 cocks of hay. Collins, in his evidence, stated that he and his brother had for some time been engaged striping land for the Land Commission on a farm at Ciffard. His (Collins's) fences were subsequently pulled down and his house fired into. His sister had also been fired at.

A ratepayer named Michael Fallon swore he saw the applicant (Collins) knocking the hay at midnight on the night of the 2nd September.

Mrs. Delia Collins, Derrybreen, was granted five guineas and £2 costs for the malicious breaking of 15 panes of glass in the windows of her house in November last.

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One-Minute Talks to the Kitchen Army.



I have already told you that one-third of White's Wafer Oatmeal mixed with two-thirds of flour makes better risen and more nutritious bread.

As a matter of fact, bread so made has one-third higher food value than if made from wheaten flour solely.

That is sufficient reason why the Kitchen Army should use it, independent of the really more important fact that every pound of it you use relieves the pressure on sea-going tonnage. To-day's recipe is for White's Wafer Yeast Bread. You can obtain the yeast from almost any baker.

WHITE'S WAFER YEAST BREAD.

As ingredients you use—

- ¾ lb. White's Wafer Oatmeal.
- 1½ lbs. flour.
- 1 quart water.
- 3 teaspoonfuls salt.
- 1 teaspoonful sugar.
- 1 oz. yeast.

And this the method of procedure—

Sprinkle the oatmeal into the boiling water and boil gently for 10 minutes; mix the yeast and sugar together till creamed; add enough [illegible] the cooked oatmeal [illegible] warm, then add to [illegible] well; add the [illegible] sufficient lukewarm [illegible] a light dough; [illegible] floured board and [illegible] smooth; return [illegible] stand in a warm [illegible] for about six hours; [illegible] again, and form into [illegible] place in greased tins, [illegible] again in a warm place [illegible] 20 minutes. Place in [illegible] to bake for about one [illegible].

[illegible] recipe will be for [illegible] made from—

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DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

The National Literary Society.—The death of Mrs. Dora Sigerson-Shorter, a Vice-President of the National Literary Society of Ireland, and daughter of its respected President, caused the postponement of its annual conversazione, which was to be held last night in Dublin.

Bitter Weather in Dublin.—Yesterday was generally regarded as the coldest day that Dublin has so far experienced this winter. The conditions were [illegible]. Railway wagons arriving from some parts of the provinces showed frozen snow caked on the [illegible] of the vehicles and the tarpaulin covers protecting the contents of trucks.

The "N. and M." Christmas Fair.—A dance committee meeting of the "N. and M." Christmas Fair was held at 33 Molesworth street yesterday, [illegible] pass the accounts of the dance held at the [illegible] Hotel on December 7th last. The Chairman reported that a profit of £127 had been made, and handed over to the Hon. Treasurer of the "N. and M." Christmas Fair. A vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. Hignett and Mrs. G. Caldecott, for the great financial success they had made.

Entertainment at Malahide.—An excellent entertainment in aid of the funds of the local W.H.[illegible] Depot was given at the Carnegie Library, Malahide, on Saturday afternoon. The room was crowded with a large and appreciative audience, and a substantial sum was raised. The programme consisted of a short concert, followed by a most amusing comedietta, and a clever local revue. Miss Gillespie, Miss C. Gillespie, Miss Warren, Miss [illegible] and Miss L. Douglas played a [illegible] selection. Miss Eva Poole sang two little songs quite charmingly. Miss Douglas delighted everyone with her violin solo, and Mr. Arthur Jackson's clever and humorous recital was loudly applauded. Miss Franks, Mrs. J. F. Jameson, and Miss Magrath gave a finished rendering of a [illegible] comedietta. The parts in the revue, entitled "The B. B. B." (the Busy Bee Brigade), were taken by Miss Mary Manders, Miss G. Fitzgerald, Miss Nesta Fitzgerald, Miss Douglas, Miss L. Douglas, Miss Robertson, Miss B. Robertson, Miss Joan Story, Miss Durando, Mrs. Claude Inglis, Miss Magrath, Mr. Hicks, Master J. Jellett, and Master G. Franks. There were many good songs and pretty dances, the pierrot and pierrette dance being particularly appreciated, and a scene representing the [illegible] labours of two talkative charwomen, represented by Miss Magrath and Mrs. C. Inglis, was as funny as one could wish to see. The whole performance was under the direction of Miss Magrath, who had worked hard and well, and who deserves the greatest credit for the excellent result of her labours. Mr. H. Manders played the accompaniments throughout with great taste and efficiency. The stage fittings and general appointments were all carried out by the local men's branch of the W.H.[illegible], and were very effective.

BUSINESS FIRMS [illegible] Women Typists or Clerks should call [illegible] (Rooms [illegible], Stephen's Green). [illegible] in Shorthand, Typewriting, etc., [illegible] Jan. 2316.—(Advt.)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Last night's casualty list shows the following losses:—Officers—Dead, 22; wounded or missing, 52. Rank and File—Dead, 1,271; wounded or missing, 3,684. Analysis of the list:—Killed—Officers, 12; men, 602. Otherwise reported, now reported dead—Officers, 4; men, 312. Died of wounds—Officers, 4; men, 310. Died—Officers, 2; men, 47. Wounded—Officers, 49; men, 3,485. Missing—Officers, 3; men, 199. Totals—Officers, 74; men, 4,955. Previously otherwise reported, now reported prisoners—Officers, 12; men, 54.

Lieutenant Viscount Drumlanrig, Black Watch, Lord Queensberry's heir, is reported wounded.

KILLED.

BARNES, Second Lieutenant H. C., M.G.C.
DAVIS, Lieutenant E. T., London Regiment.
LENNY, Lt. L. A., R. Ir. Fus., attd. E. Lan. R.
McCULLOCH, Second Lieutenant J. A., R.F.A.
McRAE, Sec. Lt. P. McK., North'n. R., attd. R.E.
MARTIN, Second Lieutenant J., Royal Garrison Art.
RICH, Second Lieutenant A. F., London Regiment.
RIDPATH, Sec. Lt. F. C. L., Queen's (R. W. Surr. R.).
ROBERTS, Lt. H. C., Yeomanry, attd. R. Welsh Fus.
ROBERTS, Second Lieutenant W., Royal Welsh Fus.
YORKE, Capt. J. H. L., Yeomanry, attd. Welsh Regt.

NOW REPORTED KILLED.

CHESHIRE, Lieutenant E. C., Royal Fusiliers.
FALKINER, Second Lieutenant F. B., M.C., Royal Irish Rifles, attd. Royal Flying Corps.
MacDANIEL, Second Lieutenant J., Royal Dublin Fusiliers, attd. Royal Flying Corps.
STRONG, Second Lieutenant O. A., East Surrey R.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

KAVANAGH, Rev. B., Army Chaplain's Department.
LAUGHLIN, Sec. Lt. P. H., Queen's (R.W. Surr. R.).
THOMPSON, Lieutenant C. J. O., London Regiment.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

STEWART, Second Lieutenant J. H., R.F.A.

DIED.

DOBB, Captain R. A., Royal Field Artillery.
HISLOP, Second Lieutenant A. H., London Regiment.

WOUNDED.

LONDON REGIMENT.

BRODERICK, Sec. Lt. H. T.	GRANT, Sec. Lt. L. B.
DANIELS, Lt. E. R.	HALL, Sec. Lt. W. P.
FAIRBAIRNS, Sec. Lt. G. R.	HARDY, Sec. Lt. O. K.
	ILIFFE, Sec. Lt. E. R.
FULTON, Sec. Lt. J. O.	MOONEY, Sec. Lt. E.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

HAUGHTON, Lt. J. E.	TURNER, Lt. H.
KINGWELL, Lt. K. F.	WHEELER, Sec. Lt. J. R.

ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS.

GEORGE, Sec. Lt. H. W.	MARSTON, Sec. Lt. W. S.
LEWIS, Lt. S.	RAWSTORN, Capt. J. O.

OTHER REGIMENTS.

AUSTIN, Second Lieutenant W. L., M.G.C.
BADMINTON, Second Lieutenant J. W., R.G.A.
BONNYMAN, Lieutenant J. A., Welsh Regiment.
BRIGDEN, Captain L. J., Worcester Regiment.
CAMERON, Second Lieutenant J., Cameron Highrs.
DAVIDSON, Sec. Lt. D. A., Arg. and Suth'd. Highrs.
DRUMLANRIG, Lt. F. A. K. D., Visct., Black Watch.
ELLIS, Lieutenant W. A., Royal Irish Rifles.
FISHER, Capt. O., Yeomanry, attd. Welsh Regiment.
HALSEY, Lieutenant B. A., Cheshire Regiment.
HARRISON, Second Lieutenant R. J., Middlesex Regt., attd. Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
HARWOOD, Lieutenant P. G. S., Royal Sussex Regt.
HORNER, Lt. F. J., Royal Warwick Regiment, attd. Cheshire Regiment.
KING, Captain J. F., Highland Light Infantry.
McDONALD, Lieutenant A., Seaforth Highlanders.
McLEAN, Sec. Lt. A. D., Highland Light Infantry.
MOSS, Sec. Lt. C., L.N. Lan. R., attd. Cheshire Regt.
PORTER, Capt. M. C. L., Queen's (R.W. Surr. R.).
RAMSBOTTOM, Captain A., R.A.M.C.
REID-TODD, Lt. C. P., Middlesex R., attd. M.G.C.
SCOTT, Sec. Lt. R. J., Hampshire Regiment.
SMITH, Sec. Lt. R., Highland Light Infantry.
TOTTENHAM, Sec. Lt. H. W. L., Rifle Brigade.
TREWHELLA, Sec. Lt. H. B., Duke of Corn. L.I.
WAMSLEY, Lt. N. W., Lan. Fus., attd. R.F.C.
WARD, Second Lieutenant R., Royal Garrison Artillery.
WOOD, Second Lieutenant G. T., Leicester Regiment.
YATES, Second Lieutenant F., Hampshire Regiment.
ZEALAND, Capt. L., R.A.M.C., attd. R. Scots Fus.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

BOOTH, Capt. P. D., M.C., R.F.A., attd. T.M. Bty.

NOW REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING.

HUGHES, Sec. Lt. G. W. V., K.O. (Yorks. L.I.).

MISSING.

MAY, Lieutenant L. B., Royal Flying Corps.

NOW REPORTED PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

BROOKER, Second Lieutenant H. H., Royal Fus.
BAYLES, Captain J. H. G., Yorkshire Regiment.
BEVERIDGE, Second Lieutenant J., Highland L.I.
BRUNDRIT, Second Lieutenant D. F., Tank Corps.
EMBERSON, Sec. Lt. A. J., L.N. Lan. R., attd. South Lancashire Regiment.
FLINT, Lieutenant A. H., Royal Garrison Artillery.
GARRATT, Second Lieutenant J. C., R.F.C.
HADDOCK, Second Lieutenant W., Yorkshire Regt.
HYND, Second Lieutenant S. S., Royal Flying Corps.
INGHAM, Second Lieutenant H., South Lan. Regt.
MOULD, Lieutenant W. J., Welsh Regiment.
PLOWMAN, Lieutenant F., Hunts. Cyclist Battalion, attd. South Lancashire Regiment.
TOLLEY, Second Lieutenant C. J. H., Tank Corps.

NOW REPORTED NOT WOUNDED.

MAJOR, Second Lieutenant E., K.O. (R. Lanc. Regt.).

NEW ZEALAND FORCES.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

BANNERMAN, Lieutenant J., New Zealand Infantry.

WOUNDED.

HANNA, Sec. Lt. H., New Zealand Infantry.
HETET, Lieutenant T., New Zealand Infantry.
SHEPHERD, Sec. Lt. A., New Zealand Infantry.

OTHER RANKS.

IRISHMEN AND MEN IN IRISH REGIMENTS ONLY.

All are Privates except where otherwise shown. The town shown against each soldier's name is the home of his next-of-kin, except when followed by the abbreviation "Enlt.," when it is his place of enlistment.

KILLED.

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.—Ashworth, [illegible]

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Armour, 12518 L.-Cpl. [illegible]

NOW REPORTED KILLED.

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.—Clowery, 18217 M. (Wexford); Bond, 40960 W. (Belper); Quinn, 29473 C. (Ballyshannon); Stone, 11391 L.-Sgt. G. (Lockhead, S.E.).

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Proudman, 43654 F. W. (Manor Park, E.).

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.—Andrew, 41697 A. E. (Yeovil); Crawshaw, 41953 A. Y. (Stockport); Sykes, 41199 J. R. (Castleford); Watson, 41695 J. J. (Birmingham).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

IRISH GUARDS.—Ferris, 10045 J. (Lisbon); M'Evoy, 3930 L.-Sgt. T. (Drogheda); Brazill, 11051 J. (Kilmallock); Geraghty, 5012 J. (Dublin); Hoban, 11881 J. (Kilkenny).

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.—Norris, 30901 W. (Waterside); O'Neill, 9620 W. (Coleraine); Purdock, 42484 L. (Birmingham); Trainor, 26030 A. (Hilltown).

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Mason, 1104 W. J. (Belfast); Smith, 7728 C. (Belfast).

WOUNDED.

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.—Barke, 22447 J. (Gromanedy); Hale, 41379 A. (Bristol).

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.—Bonner, [illegible]

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—[illegible]

ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.—[illegible]

IRISH GUARDS.—[illegible]

[illegible]

MISSING.

GORDON HIGHLANDERS.—Rollins, 292658 G. (Belfast).

ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.—Rowe, 22195 L.-Cpl. [illegible]

NOW REPORTED NOT WOUNDED

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.—Currie, 32204 J. (Greenock).

NOW REPORTED WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR.

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.—Smith, 41567 F. E. (London).

WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS.—Drewitt, 24035 W. (Battersea, S.W.).

NOW REPORTED WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Kavanagh, 10307 J. (Stonybatter, Stirling).

PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.—Phelan, 19514 L.-Cpl. D. (Waterford).

NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.—Murphy, 5492 J. (Belfast, Co. Armagh).

Sub-Lieutenant L. S. Thomson.—Sub-Lieutenant Lindsay Slade Thomson, Royal Navy, was killed in action on December the 23rd. He was 20 years of age, and the only son of the late Major Slade Thomson, of the Gordon Highlanders, and grandson of the late Mr. Charles Thomson, Northumberland road, Dublin.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MAGISTRATES AND FOOD ORDERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—You gave certain grave facts in the leading article in your issue of Saturday last dealing with the inadequate punishment inflicted by local magistrates for over-charging, unfair buying, and waste in connection with food, and you plead for the development of an enlightened public opinion to check this evil. The action of our justices under this particular head is, however, but one manifestation of an abuse that is hoary and hydra-headed, so far as Ireland is concerned. I am no sharer in the belief that Irishmen have a double dose of original sin, but, if we were living in pre-Convention times, one could point to the sinister record of the local magistracy in agrarian cases. Such evidence cannot, however, be examined—if, indeed, it ought to be even mentioned—in these days of moral amnesties and *ad hoc* atmospheres. But, of the more immediate past and the living present, I would ask what is the meaning of the frustration of justice by the dismissal of prosecutions and the imposition of fines ranging from one penny to half-a-crown for excess of water in butter, which victimises the honest article and tarnishes our reputation in cross-Channel markets; for offences against the Sheep Scab Orders, which imperil our huge trade in this class of live stock; for milk adulteration, which robs the poorest of our poor in the meanest of our slums; and for the non-destruction of noxious weeds which poison our neighbour's fields? These are but a few instances of the maladministration of Petty Session justice which leap to my mind. The appeals for the vindication of justice in these and similar cases which have from time to time been issued by "the Press, the clergy, and all other persons of position and influence in Ireland"—the very machinery you now turn to, presumably in despair—have meant the expenditure of so much "hot air," and nothing else.

To ask for the sudden excision of this ulcer in the magisterial body is to ask for a miracle. The only practicable and immediate remedy for violations of the food regulations is the employment of some other tribunal, whether under the authority of the Defence of the Realm Act or otherwise. "Dora" has done stronger and stranger things than this with the King's writ before now. But is nothing to be done to scrap a system which, however deeply rooted it may be in democracy, has long stood hideous and self-condemned? Let me quote an English prophet's utterance upon this evil and the whole brood of which it is a representative:—"This is also a fact we have to note about our national life, that it is ended as soon as it has lost the power of noble anger. When it paints over and apologises for its pitiful criminalities; and endures its false weights, and its adulterated food; dares not decide practically between good and evil, and can neither honour the one nor smite the other, but sneers at the good, as if it were hidden evil, and consoles the evil with pious sympathy, and conserves it in the sugar of its leaden heart—the end has come." Does the cap fit? God help us if it does.—Yours, etc., "B."

Dublin, January 7th, 1918.

DUBLIN STREET NAMES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—In the *Irish Times* of January 2nd, Mr. A. E. Carroll suggested that the number of names of streets in Dublin might be greatly reduced. There is something to be said for his idea, but he does not seem to have reckoned up the difficulties in the way of the proposed reform.

The owners of shops would probably object strongly to any change of name, but, if this obstacle could be surmounted, another, more serious I think, would remain. A discussion of the details (which names should disappear and which should be retained) would be heated and acrimonious, and probably would lead to a deadlock. Imagine the debate on the rival merits of College Green and Lord Edward street!

A much more urgently needed reform is the painting of the street name-boards which exist. Many of them have long been almost (if not quite) illegible. I do not think that Sackville street has had even the semblance of a name exhibited for many years at any part of its length, in consequence of the owners of shops having defeated the Corporation's attempt to change the name of the street. On this point I write subject to correction.—Yours, etc.,

A. M. B. Irwin.

49 Ailesbury road, Dublin, January 7th, 1918.

UNION DIETARY FOR MOTHERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—In your issue of the 4th inst. you published the dietary allowed in the North Dublin Union to expectant and nursing mothers. Please allow me space to protest against its inadequacy, if the strength of the woman is to be maintained, and the poor infant is not to be underfed from the first moment of its existence. The guardians ought to be allowed to feel that public opinion demands that the necessary food of mothers and babies is the last subject for economy.

In the Nursery Rescue Home, Templeogue, of which I am Hon. Secretary, the following is the dietary for such girls:—Breakfast (8 a.m.): Porridge and milk, tea, two slices of bread and margarine. Luncheon (11 a.m.): Tea, coffee or cocoa, one piece of bread and margarine, milk, when specially ordered by doctor. Dinner (12.30 p.m.): Meat in some form, fish on Fridays when procurable; potatoes or rice, carrots, turnips, cabbage, or parsnips. 3 p.m.: Gruel, cocoa or barley-water and milk, and one piece of bread and margarine. Tea (5.30 p.m.): Four slices bread and margarine, or jam, or syrup. Supper (8.30): Cocoa, one slice bread and margarine; gruel and milk for nursing mothers. Our Home (for first-fall maternity cases only) is maintained with great difficulty, and, if help does not come, is in danger of being closed; but so long as we receive any poor girl fulfilling (under whatever unhappy conditions) that important function of womanhood, we will give her sufficient nourishment to enable her to do it healthfully for herself and her child. Let the North Dublin guardians go and do likewise!—Yours, etc.,

(Mrs.) Charlotte A. Pigott.

St. John's, Kimmage road, Terenure, January 7th, 1918.

DUBLIN CORPORATION.

TRADES AND THE COAL AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

At the ordinary monthly meeting of the Municipal Council of Dublin yesterday, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Laurence O'Neill) presided.

A deputation representing the Dublin Trades Council was received in reference to the question of the supply of food and fuel.

Mr. Boyle urged on the Council the necessity of establishing depots for the supply of coal to the poor. The body which the deputation represented was disappointed at having to refer to charitable associations to deal with the question rather than to the Municipal Council. The fuel question could be dealt with effectively if earnest consideration were given to the proposals put forward on behalf of the deputation. They should endeavour to see that an ample supply was obtained from the Irish collieries, and for that purpose railway facilities should be provided. The canal services also ought to be utilised. One thing which militated against this country in the matter of coal was that British interests were concerned. In relation to the price of turf profiteering was going on. The working classes were getting out of hand in consequence of the hardships they had to endure. The Corporation should see that municipal purchase of coal was brought about.

Mr. Farren, President, Trades Council, said it was urgent that the food question should be taken in hand. He had had sad experience of the alleged Food Control Committee. That Committee was a fake and a fraud. It was established not to look after the food supply of the people of this country, but for the purpose of winking at the people who broke the laws and exported food belonging to the people of this country to the other side of the water. He endeavoured while on the Committee to do what he could. The Committee were too cowardly to put the powers they had into operation to deal with the question. The matter was becoming so alarming that a representative conference should be called by the Lord Mayor to deal with the subject. Working men would not continue looking at their children starving, and he and those acting with him would not be responsible for what might take place.

Mr. Wm. O'Brien, Secretary, said things were going from bad to worse. The mortality amongst children was increasing.

Mr. Thos. Lalor said this country was being treated with the same harshness which she always received from the other side of the water. The Food Control Committee was established as a mockery and a snare. Wholesale profiteering was taking place, and no class of the community was suffering as much as the working class.

The Lord Mayor, replying to the deputation, said it was sad that they should have to come before the Council under such circumstances. The Corporation had taken up the matter in the last month or six weeks, and they were doing a great deal, and on Wednesday the Food Committee that had been appointed were meeting for the purpose of calling an All-Ireland Conference at once. The members of the Corporation were with the deputation heart and soul, and when the Conference was held he hoped the body represented by the deputation would be there to help. It was up to everyone in the Council and in the city to do everything possible in the matter.

The interview then concluded.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Dr. Sherlock moved a resolution suggesting that a committee similar to the Grey Committee be immediately set up in Ireland to advise the Irish Government on questions arising in connection with the augmentation of National teachers' salaries, and to consider the general question of their remuneration, with a view to recommending suitable scales of salaries for different classes of teachers, having regard to the character and length of training necessary, the qualification obtained, the nature of the duties to be performed, etc. The resolution further demanded that after setting apart for junior assistant mistresses, etc. the money allocated to them in the White Paper recently issued by the Government, plus the sum of £10,000, to augment the pensions of retired National teachers, the residue of the grant voted by Parliament for Irish National education be equally divided immediately as a bonus for the year ending March 31st, 1916, among all certified National teachers. He said the offers made to the teachers in the White Paper were regarded as an insult. The average pay of an Irish teacher was £70 a year; the labourer in Dr. Starkie's own office was in receipt of £73 a year. The principal messenger in the Education Office was receiving £135 a year. These figures would show the way in which the teachers were treated. When it was remembered that the police force cost as much as it did to educate the youth of Ireland, it would be seen how badly the teachers were treated.

Mr. Beattie seconded the motion. The members of a profession whose work was so important to the whole country should be paid a living wage. They were not at present paid a living wage, and every effort should be made to obtain it for them. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Sherlock was nominated the delegate to wait on the Chief Secretary.

RATE COLLECTORS AND THEIR PAY.

Mr. Cosgrave moved the adoption of a report of the Estates and Finance Committee, which recommended a re-arrangement of the rate collectors' duties, in consequence of the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Kettle, one of the collectors. Mr. Kettle received remuneration amounting to £613 a year. The new arrangement would effect a saving of £218 a year. The commission allowed was 7s. 6d. per cent., with £100 a year salary. It was suggested that the new commission should be 10s. per cent. The report stated:—"We propose that, in view of the lesser assessments, for the collection of which they shall be responsible, they shall receive 10s. per cent., instead of 7s. 6d. The effect of this would be to raise Mr. O'Brien's annual commission from, approximately, £356 to £378, and Mr. Doyle's from £286 to £362, in addition to which they will receive a salary of £100 per annum, similar to all other collectors. Mr. O'Brien will be responsible for 6,472 ratings, and Mr. Doyle for 8,584."

Mr. Fox seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Mahon said he had never been called upon for his electricity account, yet he believed the collector for the district got his poundage. Why should commission be paid to men on accounts which they did not collect?

Alderman Quaid said the system of collection was demoralising, and he objected to the employment of two further collectors. "I never made," declared the Alderman, "anything out of municipal life, but I know men who have made thousands."

Mr. Moran moved, and Mr. Foley seconded, that the report be postponed for a month.

On a division the amendment was defeated by 31 to 20 votes.

Alderman Farrell moved that the collection of the electricity accounts be excluded from the warrants, and that a committee of the Whole House be held to arrange the method of collection. "Why should we," he asked, "lose £2,000 on the collection of these accounts?" He said he knew a case in which a high official of the Corporation owed ten years' electricity accounts. He was of opinion that the collector who had not reported that default should have been dismissed, and that the official should have been dismissed, too. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cosgrave, replying to Alderman Farrell, as to the defaulter of ten years, said that a report had been put before the Committee, and a more unsavoury report than it was never presented to any Committee of the Corporation. The men who dealt with that report had not shown any sense of responsibility. The recommendations of the rate collectors were ignored. The whole thing reflected the greatest possible discredit on the Electricity Committee.

Dr. Sherlock said that as long as he was in the chair of the Electricity Committee no report was brought before him, except that which the Secretary brought up. The sooner the whole question was investigated the better.

Dr. Sherlock moved as a further amendment "that the newly-appointed collectors shall not be expected to collect electricity accounts, and shall not be entitled to receive any commission upon electricity accounts paid from their districts, and that, subject to this amendment, the report be adopted."

The amendment was adopted. The effect will be that two collectors will be appointed.

Alderman Quaid remarked that behind the report was a colossal job hidden by a veil of hypocrisy.

Alderman Farrell said the officials of the Corporation were well off—they got 2s. 6d. an hour for any overtime, and some of them thereby received £100 or £200 a year, in addition to their salaries of £250 a year.

THE MILK SUPPLY.

Mr. P. T. Daly moved the adoption of a report of the Public Health Committee in reference to arrangements for the provision of milk for expectant and nursing mothers and children under five years of age, in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme. He said the report asked the Council to adopt the principle of enabling a Public Health Committee to provide this milk. They had an arrangement with some creameries to supply milk at 1s. 2d. a gallon; the Committee was to charge 1d. to the Dublin Food Supply Committee, and the latter were to charge 1s. 4d. The control price now was 1s. 8d. a gallon. Some creamery managers had pledged themselves on the question of a supply of milk, but they would not supply now at less than 1s. 6d. a gallon.

Mr. Dulany, who seconded, said the men engaged in the industry had a right to live.

After some further discussion the report was passed.

The Council adjourned till Monday next.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE.

"Cinderella," at the Gaiety Theatre, has been having a joyous time of it since Boxing Day, and it is still going strong. A large audience last evening sent the pantomime merrily on its way for the third week. It is good medicine for the gloomy or the despondent to sit and listen to the laughter-making jokes of the Village Bailiffs, Pinch and Cop (Power and Bendon). Their job of mending a broken door is, perhaps, one of the funniest scenes in their extremely droll performance. They are also worth seeing for their smart dancing. Of Mr. Lewis, as the Baron, it is not necessary to say that he is always up to concert pitch, whether he is exercising his comic genius in preparation for the ball or singing hilariously that rollicking ballad, "When Murphy goes over the Top." Miss Dorothy Vaughan as Prince Pettypet, and Miss Katie Yates as Cinderella, never miss the favour of the audience. Mr. Carson Hicks as Pickles, the Page, is a versatile artificer of tricks and quips, which never fail of their intended effect. The entire pantomime goes with remarkable dash.

FINN VARRA MAA.

The fairy play, "Finn Varra Maa," after a successful fortnight, entered upon its third week at the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon. In a previous notice we were glad to be able to draw attention to the artistic success of the performance, and we have now the added pleasure of stating that it has also proved a financial success, so that it is not likely the guarantors will be called upon to make good any portion of their guarantee. The attendance yesterday suffered somewhat from the very severe weather, and also by reason of the termination of school holidays, but a good many people turned up and enjoyed the performance, which is now running with great perfection from beginning to end. The second act could scarcely be improved. It is full of most interesting scenes, some of the best of the songs are included in it, and the acting of both adults and children is creditable in the highest degree. Mr. Breffni O'Rorke gives a splendid lead, and he is ably supported by Miss Mildred Telford, Miss Florrie Ryan, Miss Elizabeth Young, Mr. Irvine Lynch, Mr. O'Carroll Reynolds, and the others. It is intended to continue the play daily until the end of next week, and it is hoped that those who have not yet enjoyed this beautiful little entertainment will avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing it.

THEATRE ROYAL HIPPODROME.

Mr. Harry Day has sent over in "Buttercups" a merry piece, which, for want of a better word, he calls a "musical burlesque." It introduces a quaint type of funny man in Horace Jones, who is responsible for any amount of amusement. While Horace holds the stage the audience hold their sides, laughter being almost continuous. The story of the piece is about a creamery, but that is scarcely worth mentioning, except to say that the creamery proprietor is Mr. Peter McSweeney, whose vocalism is, of course, his strong point. It is not Mr. McSweeney's first visit to Dublin, and when he comes the audience always hear a good song well sung. It was so again last night. Then there is Miss Dolly Venton, the head waitress, a lively little actress, whose dancing and acting is just the thing for a smart revue. Miss Mollie St. Clair, as the manageress, is another figure, and the other leaders are also well suited to their parts. An efficient chorus, tastefully gowned, help largely to keep the show going, and in one of the scenes they parade in "fetching" military costumes. The music, by Mr. Charles J. Moore, is exceptionally good, and, altogether, "Buttercups" is brimful of entertainment of a light and easy description. In addition, there are a few miscellaneous turns, including Ian McLean, Scottish comedian, and a return visit of the clever Tom Wong Troupe of jugglers, acrobats, and contortionists. The topical pictures on the bioscope are also interesting.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The pantomime "Jack Horner" continues its successful run. A great and keenly appreciated feature is found in the dancing, of which there are many capable exponents, including the Sisters Colley, the Lennox Troupe of dancers, and the little Avoca Dancing Gems. Remarkable talent is discernible in the scene painting, which is particularly well done and extremely artistic in character. Some exceptionally good examples are the vistas of Glendalough, which give much delight, and form the background for dances and music national in character. Indeed, the nationality note is a prominent one in the pantomime, and, needless to say, enhances its popularity. Dame Horner's "come over!" is an effective catch-word in the mouth of Mr. Arthur Lucan, a comedian who makes a successful study of local character and circumstance, and possesses the readiest wit. Mr. Frank Joy's laugh, in the character of a coloured boy, is infectious, as is his chorus, in which he calls upon the audience to take part. The piece is brightly staged, and children's laughter shows that the pantomime pleases young hearts as well as others.

R.D.S. MUSICAL RECITAL.

A delightful recital of classical music was given yesterday at Leinster House by Dr. Esposito (pianoforte), Signor A. Simonetti (violin), and Mr. C. Twelvetrees (violoncello). All these artists were at their best, and it would have been impossible to improve on their interpretations of the works they performed. Dr. Esposito's playing was notably free and light, while the tone of the strings was delightful, and each of the compositions was played in just the proper spirit to secure the full riches of expression. The compositions played were Mozart's trio in B flat, No. 2; Mendelssohn's sonata ('cello and piano) in D major, op. 58; and Schumann's trio in D minor, op. 63. If a choice must be made, one would say that the allegro assai vivace movement of the sonata found most general favour; but there was nothing to choose in excellence of treatment, and all the items were most happily chosen.

EMPIRE THEATRE.

Two full houses last evening gave "Little Boy Blue," Mr. Barney Armstrong's pantomime, a rousing reception. Scotch Kelly seems to be endowed with an inexhaustible fund of humour which affects agreeably everyone associated with him, as it does the audience. Mr. D. O'Toole, as the Queen, is not less successful than the diminutive Peter Simple, and he sings effectively a fireman's song and other lively ditties. The burlesque conjuring tricks and the illusion about "Flossie" floating in space are good enough, and always certain to enlist the rapt interest of the audience. The boy juggler also is keeping up his remarkable talent for dexterous manipulation. The ship scene stands out prominently amongst many fine stage settings, and creates intense amusement. "Boy Blue," to put it plainly, is going strong.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

The Cameo Opera Singers, a body of local vocalists, presented excerpts from Wallace's "Lurline" at the Tivoli Theatre last night, and won for themselves thoroughly well-deserved applause. Miss Kathleen McCully was the Lurline, Mr. W. J. Lemass the Rhineberg, Mr. W. H. Jones the Count Rudolph, and Mr. John Neilan the Gnome. The singing of these artists was very much admired, and the chorus of nymphs and gnomes added greatly to the general effect. The ballet, arranged by Miss Aileen L. Magee, was also a feature of the performance, which was under the able guidance of Mr. Louis O'Brien, conductor. Of the variety items on the programme, one of the most amusing was contributed by Solo, whose trick furniture and supper party caused much laughter. Coyne as a juggler displayed considerable cleverness, and Wardini, as a "he" with a fine masculine voice, turned out to be a "she." Elsie Down and Jack Dusk pleased the audience with their comedy acting, and Bert Bradford, in song and patter, was also well received. Pictures on the bioscope completed the bill.

The Carlton Cinema.—"A Romance of the Redwoods," the latest cinema production, in which the clever actress, Miss Mary Pickford, appears, is being shown in Dublin for the first time, thanks to the enterprise of the management of the popular Carlton Cinema. It is in many ways a film of unusual merit, the plot, settings, and photography being excellent. Anyone who appreciates romantic drama of the best type will keenly enjoy this splendid six-reel film. A big attraction, too, is the orchestral programme, specially arranged by Mr. Goldwater for this production. It includes, among many admirable numbers, selections from "William Tell." The whole entertainment is thoroughly enjoyable.

Bohemian Picture Theatre.—One of the most interesting films that has been displayed in Dublin for some time is that entitled "Ivan the Terrible," which is being shown this week at the popular Bohemian Picture Theatre. It represents a drama depicting life in mediæval Russia, and affords an historical glimpse at that interesting country. It is most effectively produced; the unique settings and picturesque costumes provide many charming scenes, none of which is more fascinating than the sight presented by vast armies moving amidst eternal snows. This five-reel film should not be missed. New Bairnsfather cartoons, topical events, and other attractive pictures furnish a capital entertainment, which is enhanced by the well-known Bohemian orchestra.

Grafton Picture House.—Victor Hugo's novel, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," is one of his most fascinating works. Its merits are well revealed in the six-reel drama, "The Darling of Paris," which is being shown at the Grafton Picture House. It is brimful of fascinating incidents, which are graphically illustrated throughout the film. The Fox Company has enhanced its reputation by this splendid production. The film, in its entirety, provides an unusual attraction; while cartoons, entitled "Laundry Business," a comedy, "Married by Accident," pictures depicting current events, and other interesting films cannot fail to win unstinted appreciation.

Princess Cinema, Rathmines.—"The Mediator," a Fox film, with George Walsh, athlete, in the leading part, furnishes a story of much dramatic interest. It was highly appreciated yesterday by numerous audiences at the Princess Cinema, Rathmines, where it will be again displayed to-day and to-morrow. Great pleasure was also derived from "The History of the War," which is being narrated in further contributions. The remainder of the programme, in addition to "The Pearl of the Army" serial, comprises many subjects, which are agreeably varied, while the music provided by Prof. Renaud's famous orchestra enhances the merit of the entertainment.

Sackville Picture House.—An attractive programme is being presented at the Sackville Picture House, the main attraction being an interesting film, entitled "Aladdin from Broadway," which is founded on the book and play by Fredk. Isham. The popular artist, Billie Burke, is again seen in a further chapter of "Gloria's Romance"; while other agreeable pictures, including those depicting scenes abroad and topical events, are also shown.

Rotunda Pictures.—There are many attractive features included in the programme at the Rotunda. "Freckles," an interesting film, founded on the well-known novel of the Limberlost, is being shown for the first time in Dublin, and it will, doubtless, win many admirers. Charlie Chaplin figures in "The Cure," an amusing two-reel comedy, and there are other pictures, too, that cannot fail to interest those who visit this popular rendezvous.

Kingstown Pavilion.—Last night the Kingstown Pavilion picture screen showed the first chapter of the £250,000 serial novel, "Gloria's Romance," in which Miss Billie Burke acts the principal role. Another romance, well described as "right up to the minute," is "A Munition Girl's Romance." It is a fine British production, introducing Mr. H. Sykes, one of the most intrepid airmen. The Pathé Gazette and No. 1 of "Paramount Travels" are instructive and interesting. Two capital comedies were shown. On Thursday Mr. Gogan will begin another good programme, showing an adaptation of the novel, "Aaron the Jew," and winding up with one of Charlie Chaplin's most amusing efforts.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAM. The result of the Nov. exam. has just been announced, and Students of SKERRY'S SCHOOL, 10 Harcourt street, Dublin, were awarded 14 Certificates in Shorthand, 29 in Typewriting, and 10 in Book-keeping—*i.e.*, a total of 53 Certificates, including 9 with distinction.—(Advt.)

Fashionable Intelligence

The Marquis and Marchioness of Crewe have left London for Leighton Buzzard.

The Countess of Granard arrived in London on Saturday from Ely House, Dublin.

Viscount Glentworth arrived at Dromore, County Limerick, last week.

Lord Oranmore and Browne, who spent the week-end at Castle Macgarrett, has returned to Dublin.

Sir Alfred and Lady Callaghan have arrived at Queen Anne's Mansions, St. James's Park, London.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place on February 12th, 1918, between Wilfred Vincent Pellissier, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., T.C.D., youngest son of S. Pellissier, J.P., Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, and Ivetta, only daughter of J. T. Wood Latimer, J.P., and Mrs. Wood Latimer, "Towerville," Merrion, Dublin.

Dr. Arthur Baker has returned to 59 Merrion square from France.

Switzer's Sale now proceeding.

Holmes' Sale this day. Unprecedented Bargains in all Departments.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 George's street.

Swiss Embroideries, French Embroidered Voiles, Lawns, and Nainsooks will reach a prohibitive figure later, when present stocks are exhausted. Less than makers' prices at Holmes' Sale.

All Winter Models in Costumes, Gowns, Furs, and Millinery offered now at Sale Prices.—McAsey, 53 Dawson street.

French Model Coat, in Nigger Brown Velveteen, lightly worked in gold, reduced from 12 to 8 guineas, at Slyne's Sale, 71 Grafton street.

Slyne's Winter Sale—Navy Frieze Coat, trimmed coney seal, original price 6 guineas, reduced to 4 guineas.—71 Grafton street.

Arrivals at Kingstown per Royal Mail Steamers—Captain W. G. Holmes, Rev. Dr. John McCabe, Major Raymond, Captain E. Farrer, General Sir W. B. Hickie, Sir Ralph Williams, Captain H. C. Watkins, Lieutenant-Colonel de C. Wheeler, F.R.C.S.; Lieutenant W. F. Delamere, R.F.C.; Captain M. C. Walker, Hon. Mrs. Handcock, Major F. J. Hamilton, Captain F. M. Sanders, Rev. Keating, Major H. Chetwood-Aiken, Colonel Pollock, Major Biddell, Fleet Surgeon Kennedy, Sir Alexander H. Maguire, Captain Weir Johnston, Captain C. F. Costello, R.F.A.; Major Bury-Barry, Colonel Hadow, Major-General Fry, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Stevens, Captain Murray, Rev. N. S. McCurry, Dr. and Mrs. C. Holmes-Denham, T. H. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Savory, Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Campbell, D. S. Stewart, T. H. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart, J. T. Laing, F. H. Laing, H. S. Hanna, C. O'Gorman, C. W. De Vere-Short, F. F. Wyatt, J. M. Ross Todd, W. H. Webb, E. A. Aston, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Phelps, J. L. Phelps, H. J. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Beale, George Bourne, F. H. Holmans, J. Franklin, F. Denham, G. Rowen, R. A. John Lewis, A. G. Tait, Miss M. K. Scott, Miss W. Dockrell, Miss H. Hamer, Miss A. K. Beale, Miss V. Handcock, Miss D. V. Phelps, Miss E. A. Heptinstall, Miss Ruth Perkins, Miss Doris Findlater, Miss K. M. Young, Miss A. Edwards.

Departures from Kingstown per Royal Mail Steamers—Lieutenant J. C. Roche, R.A.M.C.; Lieutenant J. L. McIntyre, Major W. Fitzgerald, R.A.; Captain and Mrs. K. B. Harbond, Captain L. B. Rowe, Second Lieutenant H. A. Sandys, Major Sutherland Wilkinson, Commander F. A. Hodge, R.N.; Captain and Lady D. Moore, Lady Clare Fielding, Lady Crofton, Rev. Lionel Howe, Colonel Knott, Lady Violet Lowry-Corry, Lady Dorothy Lowry-Corry, Lord Crofton, Lady Crofton, the Hon. Edmund Crofton, the Hon. Eileen Crofton, Dr. J. M. Geraty, Lieutenant V. F. Brodigan, R.E.; Captain D. M. Hall, R.A.M.C.; Rev. John Lewis, Lieutenant the Hon. Philip Sherlock, Lieutenant G. Fenton, Lieutenant J. A. Noblett, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. F. Sanders, Lieutenant W. Borthistle, R.F.C.; Captain D. A. Palmer, Lieutenant F. A. Hamlet, Colonel and Mrs. Boyd, Lieutenant and Mrs. Noel Purcell, Major and Mrs. Rigby, W. R. Burgess, Wm. J. Briscoe, Paymaster J. T. Cotter, J. B. Hill, L. Goodman, John O'Byrne, Thomas F. Monks, LL.D.; Melfort D'Alton, J. F. Gladin, G. Cunningham, Cadet J. G. Doughty, R.N.; J. L. Crabbe, Lieutenant G. R. Oddell, J. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Firth, C. Tottenham, S. Toto, Lieutenant R. McKeon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Macdonald, Lieutenant W. B. Stephenson, D.C.L.I.; Lieutenant F. Gleeson, R.E.; Captain F. R. Humphreys, Lieutenant V. M. MacMahon, R.D.F.; Captain C. Bailey, Colonel Sir Hutcheson-Poë, Major Humphries, Miss A. Gibson, Miss H. Gibson, Mid. W. G. Rochfort Wale, R.N.; Miss Synes, Miss B. Michie, Mrs. Carruthers, Miss Ruth Holmes, Miss N. J. Reynolds, Miss Doppins, V.A.D.; Miss M. Collis, Miss Hall, Miss Hudson-Kinahan, Mrs. Fakinger-Bowers, Miss J. Coleman, Miss M. E. Bolger, Mrs. A. P. Ball, Miss Williams, Miss K. F. Lasker, Miss K. Power, Miss Ada Young, Miss Blood-Smyth, J. Courtalis, Earl of Mayo, Miss L. Blood-Smyth, Major G. V. Fox, Mrs. G. E. Fottrell.

McBirney and Co.'s Great Annual Winter Sale, this and following days.

Brown, Thomas and Co.'s Great Annual Winter Sale now proceeding. Every Article Reduced.

The Mansfield Sisters—Sale now on. Genuine Reductions in Millinery, Furs, Blouses, Frocks, and Sports Coats.—28 Wicklow street.

Boys' School Outfits at Sale Prices at "Our Boys" Clothing House, 24 Wicklow street.

New Year's Sale now on. Special Bargains.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street.

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CHURCH OF IRELAND.

No fewer than 106 Chaplains receive mention in Sir Douglas Haig's recent despatch. These include Chaplains of all denominations, the majority belonging to the Churches of England and Ireland. Once again the name of Bishop Gwynne, Principal Chaplain, appears at the head of the list.

The Committee appointed by the Down, Connor, and Dromore Diocesan Council to consider the most feasible means of increasing clerical incomes have submitted their report. It is understood that among other recommendations the Committee favour a union of parishes, where it can be done without impairing parochial efficiency.

The Board of Nomination for the United Parishes of Dunganstown and Redcross, Diocese of Glendalough, met yesterday at the Diocesan Offices, 43 Kildare street, Dublin, and adjourned until Monday, 21st inst.

Scarcity of labour is causing many complications and difficulties in some English parishes. In a Yorkshire parish last week, as the sexton was unable to get help to dig a grave, the Vicar and his Curate shouldered their spades and performed the work with speed and efficiency.

The consecration of Dean Hensley Henson as Bishop of Hereford has been fixed for Saturday, February 2nd, in Westminster Abbey. The opposition to the new Bishop by a certain party has led to a counter-manifestation of confidence and esteem, which is shared by all classes. No fewer than thirty-three Bishops have written to congratulate him.

Taking Ireland as a whole, there is one clergyman of the Church of Ireland for every 365 parishioners. In some dioceses there is one for less than 100, while in Belfast and its vicinity the proportion is one clergyman to 2,000 parishioners.

The Rev. C. T. O'Reilly, M.A., has resigned the curacy of Tramore, Co. Waterford, and takes up work this week in the parish of St. John's, Fairfield, Liverpool. Tramore curacy is now vacant.

WAR NOTICES AND APPEALS.

XVI. V.A.D., B.R.C.S., STOP WATCH COMPETITION.

Watch opened by Wm. Geoghegan, Esq., County Director for Ireland. Miss Marion Rhind, V.A.D. Hostel, Parkside, N.C.R., Dublin, acknowledges with many thanks receipt of above watch.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' REFRESHMENT BUFFETS.

The returns for last week at the Dublin Buffets were 22,390 men. Since the buffets were opened 963,090 men have been given refreshments. The following gifts have been received:—Major Cusack, Miss H. Vernon, butter; Miss Stackpoole, Mrs. Aston, Miss Bridge, Miss Reilly, Mrs. Cole Greville, Miss Scott, Mrs. Hawkins, Miss Chapman, cheese; Mrs. Fane Vernon, Mr. Hatchell, Miss Knaggs, Miss Wallace, Mrs. Jeordie, Mrs. Croxton, Mrs. A. Hamilton, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Jamieson, Mr. George Jameson, sandwich meat; Mrs. Cornwall, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Cole Greville, Miss Elliott, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. M'Kenzie, jam; Mrs. Geoghegan, M. M'Kenzie, coffee; Mrs. Bigger, Mrs. Herbert, Miss Reilly, Miss Ossory Fitzpatrick, bread; Miss K. O'Donnell, Miss Morewood, Mrs. Litton Falkiner, cigarettes; Mrs. V. Stewart, tin mugs; "A Friend," 17 lbs. tea; Miss Reilly, Miss B. Parke, bread trays.

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EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MEETINGS.

The meetings in connection with the annual Week of Prayer were opened yesterday in the Friends' Meeting House, Dublin. Lord Langford presided at 11.30 a.m. and again at 8 p.m. In his opening remarks the Chairman, having read the King's Proclamation, laid emphasis upon the individual responsibility resting upon each of us, and called upon all God's people to make these meetings a time of real and sincere service calling upon God.

Rev. J. C. Irwin addressed the morning meeting. In the Proclamation, he said, we could see the hand of the King himself, and it augured well for the nation that our King had thus invited us to call upon God. Like the Israelites of old, we could thank God, and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We must go forward in faith and courage, and if we placed our trust in God we might hope that victory and peace might soon be ours.

At the evening meeting the first of a series of addresses upon "Personal Conversion" was delivered by Rev. F. C. Gibson. While, he said, we had to recognise that there was such a thing as infant regeneration, and while conversion ought to be the normal condition in a Christian society, we had sorrowfully to confess that many homes lacked Christian influence, and many of our young people were growing up without Christ. There was an absolute need of conversion. It had a twofold character. From the human standpoint, it was the sinner turning away from sin—definitely returning to God. From the Divine standpoint it was a gracious work of God whereby He turned the sinner to Himself. Those who had experienced this change, although they might not be able to fix either the day or the hour, could not be unconscious of the effects of so radical a work of grace. They must bear the evidence in a renewed life. The meetings will be resumed to-day.

A special announcement concerning Gentlemen's, Boys' and Youths' Wear will appear in to-morrow's *Irish Times*.

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THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED FIRM.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Monday.

Stocks opened irregular, but became firmer on a moderate demand for rails, steels, copper, shippings, and equipments, then reacted on pressure against Railroads. A rally, however, followed under buying, and the market closed firm. Government Bonds easy; Railroad Bonds irregular.

Gains—New York City Bonds and International Mercantile Marine Common, ⅛; Canadian Pacific, 1½; Bethlehem Steel Common, 2½; Missouri Kansas Common, ½; Ontario and Western, Southern Pacific, Smelting and Refining Pref., and New York Consolidated Gas, ½; Smelting and Refining Common, 2½; Anaconda Copper, 1½; Utah Copper, ½; U.S. Steel Common, 2⅛; and International Mercantile Marine, Pref., 1½.

Losses—Atchison Topeka Pref., ½; Atchison Topeka General Mortgage Bonds, Baltimore Ohio Pref., Chicago North-Western Ord., Denver Pref., Erie General Lien, Missouri Pacific, and Northern Pacific Common, ½; Atchison Topeka Convertible, Atlantic Coast Line Common, and Louisville and Nashville, 1; Chesapeake Ohio New Four-and-a-Halfs, 1½; Illinois Central, 2½, and General Electric, 2½.

Money steady. Sterling exchange firm. Silver commercial bars unchanged.

CLOSING PRICES:

Eng. Parity.	Stocks	Closing Bid Prices. Sat.	Mon.
101⅛	U.S. 2 % Funded	96½	96½
[illegible]	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	85	85
[illegible]	Do. Preferred	81¼	80⅞
[illegible]	Do. New 4% Gen. Mt.	83¾	83
[illegible]	Do. 4 % Con. Bds.	83	83
[illegible]	Baltimore and Ohio	53¾	53
[illegible]	Do. Preferred	57	56½
145⅛	Canadian Pacific	135¼	137
[illegible]	Chic., Mil., & St. Paul	45	45
[illegible]	Do. Preferred	78¼	78⅞
146⅛	Chic. & N. W. Pref.	*150	*140
[illegible]	Denver & Rio Grande	5½	5½
[illegible]	Do. Preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Erie Railroad	16	15½
[illegible]	Do. 1st Preferred	25¼	25
[illegible]	Do. Lien Bonds	53	52½
[illegible]	Illinois Central	93¾	91
116⅛	Louisville & Nashville	112	111
[illegible]	Miss'i, Kan., & Texas	4	4½
[illegible]	Do. Ml. 4% G. Bs.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Missouri Pacific (New)	22½	22
74	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R.	70¼	70⅛
100¼	Norfolk & Westn. Com.	103½	104
[illegible]	Do. 4 % Con. Bds.	—	—
21	Ontario & Western	19½	20
[illegible]	Pennsylvania Shares	45½	45½
[illegible]	Reading Shares	73⅛	73⅞
[illegible]	Do. 1st Preferred	36	35
[illegible]	Do. 4 % Mort.	83⅛	83
[illegible]	Rock Island	19½	20
[illegible]	Southern Railway	23¼	23½
[illegible]	Do. Preferred	58¾	58⅞
[illegible]	Southern Pacific	82½	83⅞
120	Union Pacific	114	114⅞
[illegible]	Do. Preferred	69	69
[illegible]	Wabash New	8¼	8
[illegible]	Do. Preferred A	42¾	42¼
—	New York Cons. Gas	—	—
[illegible]	U.S. Steel Common	92¼	94¾
114⅞	Do. Preferred	108½	108⅞
—	Silver Commerc'l Bars	90½	90½

*asked. †ex div.

The London parity prices are quoted at the current rate of exchange, but no account is taken of the cost of insurance.

	Saturday. Nominal.	Monday. 2¼ bid 3 ask
Call Money		
Ex. on London, 60days' sight	4.71.25	4.71.25
Cable Transfers	4.76.45	4.76.45
Ex. on Paris, sight	5.73⅝	5.73⅝
Ex. on Berlin, sight	—	—
Cotton, Middling, Upland	32.40	32.25
Petroleum, Refined, in cases	18.50	18.50
Petroleum, Standard, White	12.50	12.50
Petroleum, Pipe Line Certs.	3.75	3.75
Spirits of Turpentine	43	43
Lard, Prime Western Steam	24.25	24.25
Tallow, Special	—	—
Sugar Centrifugal (duty paid)	—	—
Corn, New Western	Nominal.	Nominal.
Wheat, Red Winter	—	—
Do. Hard Winter (New)	—	—
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	8⅛	8⅛
Flour, Spring Wheat, Clears (New)	—	—
Iron, No. 2 Northern Foundry	—	—
Tin, Straits	—	—
Copper, Electrolytic	—	—
Do. later delivery	—	—
Freight, Grain, steamers to Liverpool, per bushel	nom.	nom.
Freight, Grain, steamers to London, per bushel	nom.	nom.
Freight, Cotton, to Liverpool	10.00	10.00
Chicago Corn, Jan.	—	—
PHILADELPHIA.		
Petroleum, Standard White	12.50	12.50
NEW ORLEANS.		
Cotton, Middling	30.88	30.88
SAVANNAH.		
Spirits of Turpentine	43½	43½

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Monday.

WHEAT—Spot nominal. CORN—Spot nominal. COFFEE declined on Wall street houses selling, but advanced on buying by importers, and closed easy. Spot steady.

	Jan.	Mar.
Previous day	8.12	8.33
To-day	8.20	8.4[illegible]

COTTON advanced on good advices of Southern mills reopening and improvement in Wall street conditions, and closed steady. Spot quiet, 15 points up.

	Feb.	April.
To-day	31.71	30.84
Previous day	30.90	30.48

Receipts—Atlantic, 5,000; Gulf, 14,000. Exports—Britain, nil; Continent, nil.

COTTON OIL strong, 10 to 12 points dearer. Spot, 19.90; March, 19.97.

PETROLEUM—Refined steady. TALLOW steady. LARD—Cash market firm, 30 dearer. FLOUR nominal. SUGAR steady. TIN and IRON nominal. COPPER dull.

CHICAGO, Monday.

WHEAT on spot featureless.

MOVEMENTS OF GRAIN (IN THOUSANDS).

	Year.	Last Year.	This Season.	Last Season.
WHEAT. Receipts—Western Ports.	884	1423	134690	231357
CORN. Receipts—Western Ports.	1352	1329	77646	100957

Wheat—No. 2 red winter, spot, nominal; No. 2 hard winter, spot, nominal.

CORN opened steady, ⅛c. to ½c. higher, and further improved under small stocks, adverse weather reports, and covering of shorts; then declined owing to lower cash markets, larger interior receipts, and a slack outside inquiry. The market closed ⅛c. down to unchanged.

	Jan.	May.
To-day	127⅜	125⅞
Previous day	127⅝	125⅛

OATS steady, ⅛c. to ½c. higher.

	Jan.	May.
To-day	80⅛	77⅞
Previous day	79⅞	77½

PROVISIONS commenced firm, and advanced owing to firmer hogs, light receipts and offerings, covering of shorts, and buying of packers. There was a fair outside demand, and the market closed firm, with lard 20 to 17½, pork 35 to 42½, and ribs 30 to 15 points up.

LARD—

	Jan.	May.
To-day	24.00	24.37½
Previous day	23.80	24.20

PORK—

	Jan.	May.
To-day	45.80	46.30
Previous day	45.45	46.87½

RIBS—

	Jan.	May.
To-day	23.47½	24.12½
Previous day	23.47½	24.02½

BACON firm, 25 to 37½ points dearer. Receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1st, total 5,850,000, against 8,154,000 for same season last year. To-morrow's receipts of hogs at Chicago are estimated at 25,000. Last week's hog-pack totalled 173,000.

HOGS firm, with light 20 to 30 and heavy 20 to 25 points dearer.

	Short Rib Sides Dry-salted, loose.	HOGS. Light.	Heavy.
To-day	21 50 / 24.25	15.75 16.60	16.05 16.90
Previous day	23.85 / 23.87½	15.55 16.25	15.85 16.55

Receipts—Western 95,000, last year 171,000; Chicago 30,000, last year 50,000.

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SPORTING NEWS.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

The Indian Grand National was run on January 1, with the following result:—Larrikin, 1; Footsteps Fearless, 2; Dynever Park, 3.

The buying and selling of American baseball players makes strange reading for people on this side of the Atlantic. It is learned from New York that in three "deals" recently, involving thirteen players, fully 150,000 dollars changed hands.

The death is announced, at the age of 65, of Captain William Frost, of Tollesbury, who, in the course of his career, acted as sailing master of the famous yachts Garce Darling and Morning Star, and was for over twenty years skipper of Colonel A. Bibby's schooner Tamesis.

The subsidence of the frosty conditions in the Windsor district occurred most opportunely, so far as this week's steeplechasing fixture is concerned. The situation was occasioning some anxiety on Saturday in the minds of the officials, but the softening process which commenced on that day has become more pronounced, and an examination of the course yesterday disclosed that racing could have been carried on with perfect safety. In fact, the going was perfect.

John Osborne, the veteran ex-jockey and trainer, completed his 85th year yesterday. Born in 1833, he retired from race riding in 1892, and was then the recipient of a testimonial, which took the form of an address and 3,600 guineas. He won the Derby on Pretender in 1869, the Oaks on Apology in 1874, the Two Thousand Guineas on Vedette in 1857, Pretender in 1869, Bothwell in 1871, Prince Charlie in 1872, Camballo in 1875, and Ayrshire in 1888; the One Thousand Guineas on Manganese in 1856, Apology in 1874, and the St. Leger on Lord Clifden in 1863 and also on Apology.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Windsor January engagements—Duggie, Sancoo, Carrig Park, and Sergeant Murphy. Clifton Selling Handicap Steeplechase—Perimac.

HUNTING.

THE MEATH.

It froze hard on Thursday night of last week, but a thaw on Friday morning enabled hounds to keep their appointment at Ardsallagh. The gorse was blank, the first fox being found in Mr. F. D'Arcy Thompson's coverts at Rathnally. He broke over the Trim-Navan road, led past the house down to the Boyne, then alongside it for a bit, before turning back left-handed, re-crossing the road, and going down to the long wood. Hounds hunted through it, with catchy scent, to the vicinity of Philpotstown covert, where scent gave out. The huntsman lifted them around the covert without result, and then the field went on to Churchtown. Found here, and ran, with better scent, down to and past Mr. M. Smith's house at Curratown, a little further on the fox wheeled to the left, leading over the Boyerstown Racecourse, with the stand house on the right, to the Navan-Athy road. The pack hunted across it to Portanclough, near Ardbraccan, where they marked their fox to ground after thirty minutes of a sporting run. Found next in Meadstown gorse, running out by the brook to Stonestown, where the fox was badly coursed by a brace of collie dogs. He then lay down in a ditch, jumped up just in front of hounds, and was killed a little further on. Dunne's gorse held, and a capital thirty-five minutes supervened. This fox went away at the Eskaroon end, when hounds hunted well across the Dunderry-Trim road into and over the Carrolstown Racecourse. Swinging left-handed over the Black road, they ran nearly to Meadstown sticks before scent failed, which ended an excellent day. Saturday was a bye-day at Gibstown. They began with a blank in "Larry's" wood, but found at once in the Donaghpatrick moat. The fox led across the park into the "Carrick" wood, where hounds divided momentarily on a leash of foxes there. Eventually the huntsman got them on to one that broke past Major Collins-Gerrard's castle, led down towards Arch Hall decoy, then back towards "Larry's" wood, scent failing before reaching it. Ran next from Balsaw hill over the lane, back again, then down through Sillogue to the bottoms, where the fox got in. Graigs was blank, but Antylstown wild furze gave a short local run over Mr. Rogers's land towards Graige, scent again failing, and a blank at Dunmoe rock finished.

COURSING.

NORTH KILDARE MEETING—THIS DAY.

Judge—Mr. Wynne, J.P. Slipper—P. Norton.

THE DRAW.

PLOOPLUCK STAKES—For 10 puppies. Winner, £9; second, £4.

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BILLIARDS.—Amateur Championship.—Sergt. H. Powell v. C. W. S. Willins.—These players commenced the first heat of this season's English Amateur Championship, at Orme's Hall, London, yesterday afternoon. Powell averaged nearly 7 to his opponent's 4. The highest breaks were 34, 25 (twice), 22, 21 (twice), 35, and 24 (unfinished) by Powell, and 36 and 20 by Willins. Interval scores—Powell (in play), 502; Willins, 302. At night, Willins made 25, 24, 41, 28, and 30, Powell's best being 36, 31, 21, and 22. Final scores—Powell, 1,000; Willins, 642.

Inman v. Stevenson.—Yesterday afternoon at Thurston's, London, Inman compiled 710 to 622, the averages being 26 and 24. Best breaks were—Inman 86 (twice), 150, 155, 275, and 47, and Stevenson 191, 42, 236, and 63. Interval—Inman, 9,132; Stevenson (in play), 7,148. At night, Inman totalled 1,036, with an average of 36, Stevenson scoring only 164. Inman's runs were 227, 110, 115, 234, and 204. Closing scores—Inman, 10,168; Stevenson, 7,312.

BOXING.—Contest at the Ring.—The principal attraction at the Ring, London, yesterday, should have been a 20-round contest between Curley Walker and Sapper Jack O'Neill, but an accident prevented the latter sparring, and his place was taken by Stoker Sivers (Portsmouth). The latter lasted very well for ten rounds, but Walker was too quick and too aggressive for him, and Sivers gave in during the thirteenth round.

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RAINFALL IN 1917.

The rainfall at Blandsfort, Abbeyleix, in 1917, was 33.91 inches, the smallest fall since the year 1905. At 3 Pretoria terrace, Harold's Cross road, Dublin, the rainfall measured 26.50 inches, or .86 inches below the average of 30 years.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

DAVIES—January 1, 1918, died on active service, David Davies (Dai), of 9 Brennan's Parade, Bray (Motor Transport Service). Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, family, and relatives. Swansea papers please copy.

FLEMING—December 24 (Christmas Eve), 1917, on active service abroad, from wounds caused by a bomb on the previous day, Colonel Charles Christie Fleming, D.S.O., A.D.M.S., late R.A.M.C., son of the late Deputy Surgeon-General Andrew Fleming, I.M.S., 8 Napier road, Edinburgh, and the late Catharine Loftus Garner, daughter of the late Captain Joseph Garner, of Richview, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

MACDOUGALD—Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action, August 16, 1917, Llewellyn G. D. Macdougald, Second Lieutenant Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, fourth son of Mrs. Harriette Macdougald, 41 Grosvenor square, Rathmines, Dublin.

In Memoriam.

DOHERTY-HOLWELL—In proud and most loving memory of Major (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) Raymond Vernon Doherty-Holwell, D.S.O., R.E., killed in action, in Flanders, January 9th, 1917, only and beloved child of the late Major Martin Doherty-Holwell, Worcester Regiment, and of Mrs. Doherty-Holwell. Universally loved and deeply mourned. Irish papers please copy.

BIRTHS.

SHORTT—December 28, 1917, at a Private Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Shortt, a son.

STEELE—December 25, 1917, at Pretoria, South Africa, to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Steele, a son.

MARRIAGES.

COOPER and DOUGAL—December 31, 1917, at St. Andrew's Church, Edinburgh, by the Rev. Christie, Edward J. Cooper, Captain East Surrey Regiment, and eldest son of Captain and Mrs. R. W. Cooper, Ballinrea, Co. Cork, to Barbara, widow of Mr. J. Dougal, Royal Scots, and youngest daughter of Mrs. Arbuckle and the late Mr. Arbuckle, Olde Bank House, Bathgate.

RUSSELL and O'CALLAGHAN—January 5, 1918, at St. Peter's Parish Church, Dublin, by special licence, by the Rev. W. P. Webb, B.D., Lieutenant Joshua Forbes Russell, R.E., only son of Edward F. Boys Russell, M.D., of Ardagh, Lismore, Co. Waterford, to Kathleen Elsie, only daughter of the late Captain Charles B. O'Callaghan, Indian Army.

DEATHS.

CARLISLE—January 6, 1918, at Dublin, Irene Maude, aged 22, wife of David Windrum Carlisle, Lieutenant R.G.A. and D.I. R.I.C., and daughter of late Henry L. Robinson and Annie M. Robinson, Letterdyfe, Roundstone, Co. Galway. Funeral private.

COOPER—January 7, 1918, at his residence, Birchgrove, Wexford, John Richard, Crown Solicitor, Co. Wexford, aged 65 years. Funeral to Crosstown Cemetery, at 10.45, this (Wednesday) morning. No flowers.

GOWING—January 7, 1918, at her residence, Boughlone, Maryborough, Jane, widow of the late Samuel Gowing. Funeral to-day (Wednesday), 2 o'clock.

HARNETT—January 6, 1918, at Moynsha, Abbeyfeale, William L. Creagh Harnett, J.P., aged 70 years, eldest son of the late John Creagh Harnett, J.P., and grandson of Captain Lockwood, 30th Regiment. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock.

HAWKINS—November 27, 1917, at 3732 Prince Edward street, Vancouver, B.C., Samuel Frederick, aged 2 years and 3 months, dearly-loved eldest son of Thomas and Phœbe Hawkins, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hawkins, Killabeg House, Knockananrigan, Co. Wicklow.

HORNE—January 7, 1918, at his residence, Oreen, Dungriffan road, Howth, Francis Horne, late R.N., aged 84, eldest son of the late William Horne, R.N. Deeply and deservedly regretted. Funeral to St. Fintan's, Sutton, at 1.45 p.m., to-morrow (Thursday). No flowers.

JELLICO—January 8, 1918, at her residence, Mountmellick, Eliza Jellico, aged 83. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday), at 12 noon, to Mountmellick Church, afterwards to Friends' Burial Ground, Rosenallis. No flowers.

KEARNEY—January 6, 1918, at Abbey Villa, Boyle, Ethna, the dearly-beloved daughter of District Inspector and Mrs. Kearney, R.I.C. R.I.P. Funeral took place yesterday at Assylin Cemetery, Boyle.

L'ESTRANGE—January 7, 1918, at his residence, Galmoylestown, Mullingar, Henry, eldest son of the late Patrick L'Estrange, aged 60 years. R.I.P. Funeral from Lagore Chapel, at 2 o'clock, to-day (Wednesday) to the family graveyard at Balragh.

McAULEY—January 8, 1918, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Evelyn Frances, second daughter of Sylvester and Josephine McAuley, Rathbeggan, Batterstown, Co. Meath. Funeral private. No flowers, by request.

McLAUGHLIN—January 8, 1918, at his residence, 10 Leinster street, Phibsborough, Charles McLaughlin, Senior, R.I.P. Funeral from St. Peter's, Phibsborough, after 10 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Thursday) morning for Glasnevin Cemetery.

OLPHERT—January 7, 1918, at Fin-cool, Buncrana, Julia, widow of the late Very Rev. Thomas Olphert, Dean of Derry, in her 90th year. Funeral (private) at Urney to-morrow (Thursday). No flowers.

RYAN—January 8, 1918, at 50 Haddington road, Denis, fourth son of Denis and Margaret Ryan, to the inexpressible grief of his parents, brothers, and sisters. Fortified by the rites of the Roman Catholic Church. R.I.P. Funeral from St. Mary's, Haddington road, for Dean's Grange, to-morrow (Thursday), 1 o'clock.

TIMMON—January 7, 1918, at her residence, Market square, Navan, Mrs. Margaret Timmon. R.I.P. Funeral for Old Cemetery, Athlumney, at 2.30, to-day (Wednesday).

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